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Memorandum

Date: February 3, 2014
To: Steve Donovan, Senior Planner, Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency
From: Bill Stalzer, County Planning Consultant
Cc: Jesse Nolte, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Tom Glover, Director, Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency
Re: Initiative 502 Work Plan and Process

On January 21st the Board of County Commissioners approved the attached work plan for the planning commission's work on Initiative 502. It is unchanged from the proposed work plan and process I emailed to Tom on January 10th. This and the process are the primary subjects I would like to present and discuss with the planning commission on this Wednesday.

Even though the planning commission will not have had much time to review the document, I do not see this as a problem because the intent is just to inform them of the scope and schedule for their upcoming work on I-502 over the next 4-5 months and to discuss any questions or suggestions they have about the work plan. I can also discuss initial topics that will be presented and discussed with them at their March meeting.

Since the project principles have not been formally acted upon by the Board, I am not planning to spend time on that document at the February meeting. I expect it to be part of the discussion at the March meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Attachment Recreational Marijuana (I-502) Work Plan

BACKGROUND

- Prepare a summary of the Washington State Liquor Control Board rules for recreational marijuana
- Prepare a background paper on the issues to be considered when regulating the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING

- Determine if existing policies address issues related to the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana. Propose modified or new policies if necessary
- Review the land use designations and propose those appropriate for the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana
- Review the zoning districts and propose those appropriate for the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana
- Determine if existing development regulations other than zoning address issues related to the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana. Propose modified or new regulations if necessary

LEGAL

- Review how the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana conflicts with federal law (it does) and recommend measures to ensure that the County is addressing the Federal Priorities set forth by the August 2013 Department of Justice memo.
- Research and recommend strong and effective regulatory and enforcement systems that have been demonstrated to be effective in practice;
- Review any Federal law enforcement responses to I-502
- Prepare a summary of any Court decisions dealing with I-502.

SEPA (Non-Project Action)

- Prepare a SEPA checklist that includes proposed mitigation measures, as necessary

MISCELLANEOUS

- Provide staffing to the planning commission with assistance from the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency as needed

Note: All work will be based on existing available documents and information from online sources such as MRSC, WSCLB, DOJ, WAAG, WAAPA, City/County websites, etc.