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**Subject:** RE: Lavender Meadows Manufactured Home Park Project (BSP 19-002) Sequim  
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Good afternoon,

Thank you for the Lavender Meadows Project report by Ecological Land Services, which provided a valuable information regarding the history of the waterbody in question.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Tim Woolett and I went out to the parcel to take a look at site conditions. We observed the ditch in question, as well as the extant section of Gierin Creek shown in the documentation you provided.

We also tried to visually ascertain if the swale (visible in Google Earth) that diagonally bisects the property was a defined watercourse. While our observations were limited to the periphery of the parcels, we observed no evidence of channelization. This lack of channelization indicates that while the swale likely holds water during high flow/ high rain events, it does not have sufficient flow or regularity to create a change in vegetation structure, bed, or bank. Based on that criteria, this diagonal swale would not be considered a regulated watercourse.

In light of the documentation provided and the conditions observed onsite, WDFW would not have regulatory authority over either the tight lining of the irrigation watercourse or to any proposed project activities not potentially impactful to Gierin Creek.

However, please note that any project impacts to regulated waterbodies, such as installation of an irrigation outfall from the ditch to Gierin Creek or installation of stormwater facilities with outfall Gierin Creek, would require a Hydraulic Project Approval Permit (HPA). Information regarding the HPA permitting process is available at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/hpa>

Thank you for your collaboration and for promptly providing the information. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any further assistance I can provide.

Appreciatively,

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Hi Danielle,

This is in follow up to my voice message this morning.

Enclosed is a report by Joanne Bartlett, Senior Biologist with Ecological Land Services, concluding that there is only an irrigation ditch that crosses the Lavender Meadows property, not Gierin Creek.

I have also enclosed an email dated September 9, 2019 from Randy Johnson, Habitat Program Manager for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and an email dated September 10, 2019 from Hansi Hals, Natural Resources Dept Director for the Tribe, confirming that the watercourse flowing across Lavender Meadows is only an irrigation ditch and may be tightlined with the Tribe's full support.

We are on hold with the City pending your confirmation that Joanne's report and the response from the Tribe have answered any questions regarding the creek. I would be happy to meet with you at the property or in Olympia to discuss this further. Please give me a call at your earliest convenience to discuss. Thank you.

Best regards,

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