

# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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November 30, 2022

Komodo Properties LLC ATTN: Shyam Ayengar 5329 164<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98006

Re: Section 401 Water Quality Certification Denial without Prejudice, Order No. 21472,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Reference No. NWS-2021-1027, Burien Komodo
Property, King County, Washington

Dear Shyam Ayengar:

On December 7, 2021, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the above-referenced project. Ecology has one year from the Section 401 Water Quality Certification request to issue its decision.

At this time Ecology has not received the necessary information to have reasonable assurance that the project will meet state water quality laws. Therefore, pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, Chapter 90.48 RCW, and Chapter 173-201A WAC, Ecology is denying without prejudice Komodo Properties LLC request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification. Receipt of a denial without prejudice does not preclude you from submitting a new request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification at a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact Leah Beckett at (425) 324-5590 or Leah.Beckett@ecy.wa.gov. The Enclosed Order may be appealed by following the procedures described in the Order.

Sincerely,

Je Burcar, Section Manager

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Northwest Regional Office

Sent via e-mail: sayengar@gmail.com

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### Enclosure (1)

E-cc: James Carsner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Ben Wright, Soundview Consultants, LLC

Loree' Randall, Ecology Leah Beckett, Ecology

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# IN THE MATTER OF DENYING SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION TO Komodo Properties LLC in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC COrps Reference No. NWS-2021-1027 Burien Komodo Property, King County, Washington Chapter 173-201A WAC Komodo Properties LLC

ATTN: Shyam Ayengar 5329 164<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98006

On December 7, 2021, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) via a Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) for the above-referenced project. Ecology has one year from the receipt of the request for a WQC to issue its decision.

On November 3, 2022, Ecology sent you an e-mail and letter explaining that we needed the following:

- Updated wetland and stream mitigation plan reflecting changes in wetland ratings (updated wetland rating forms), updated wetland and stream buffer sizes, mitigation methods and acreage. Ecology recommends that we have a call to discuss the mitigation plan in order to ensure that it provides the information that Ecology needs.
- Water Quality Monitoring and Prevention Plan (WQMPP) that addresses all in-water work.
- SEPA Determination from the City of Burien
- Dewatering Plan, if applicable

Without this information, there is not reasonable assurance that the project will meet state water quality laws. With the statutory deadline approaching, Ecology must deny the WQC at this time. Therefore, pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, Chapter 90.48 RCW and Chapter 173-201A WAC, Burien Komodo Property request for a WQC is denied without prejudice.

Receipt of a denial without prejudice does not preclude you from submitting the information identified above with a new request for a WQC at a later date.

#### Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08.

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"Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). More information is available at https://eluho.wa.gov/content/11.

To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see filing options below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this Order on the Department of Ecology, in paper form, by mail or in person (see addresses below). E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08.

#### Filing an appeal with the PCHB:

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: https://eluho.wa.gov/content/11

## Filing by mail Mailing Address:

Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

## Filing electronically E-mail Address:

Filing in person (or by certified mail/courier)
Street Address:

Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel RD SW, STE 301 Tumwater, WA 980501

## pchb-shbappeals@eluho.wa.gov

#### Serving a copy of the appeal on Ecology:

Electronic copies of appeals are not accepted at the Department of Ecology per WAC 371-08-305(10).

# Filing by mail Mailing Address:

Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608

# Filing in person (or by certified mail/courier) Street Address:

Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 WQ Order No. 21472, Corps No. NWS-2021-1027 Aquatics ID No. 141170 November 30, 2022 Page 3 of 3

### Signature

Joe Burcar, Section Manager

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