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February 28, 2023

Pacific Ridge - DRH, LLC ATTN: John Mirante 17921 Bothell-Everett Highway, Suite 100 Bothell, WA 98012

Re: Water Quality Certification Order No. 21393 for Corps Reference No. NWS-2022-269, Harrison

Pointe, Snohomish County, Washington

Dear John Mirante:

On March 22, 2022, Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Harrison Pointe project, in Snohomish County, Washington.

On behalf of the state of Washington, the Department of Ecology certifies that the work described in the Water Quality Certification Request and supplemental documents complies with applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, and applicable state laws.

This certification is subject to the conditions contained in the enclosed Water Quality Certification Order (WQC Order).

Please ensure that anyone doing work under this WQC Order has read, is familiar with, and is able to follow all of the provisions within the attached WQC Order.

If you have any questions about this decision, please contact Doug Gresham at (425) 429-1846 or send an email to Doug.Gresham@ecy.wa.gov. The enclosed WQC Order may be appealed by following the procedures described within.

Sincerely,

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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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By certified mail: 9171 9690 0935 0233 1189 68

Enclosure (1)

Sent via email to: JVMirante@drhorton.com

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Mae Ancheta, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Todd Gray, Tulalip Tribe

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## IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION TO

Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA § 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 and Chapter 173-201A WAC

)	WQC ORDER No. 21393
)	Corps Reference No. NWS-2022-269
)	Harrison Pointe, Wetland A located in Everett,
)	Snohomish County, Washington
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On March 22, 2022, Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for Harrison Pointe, Snohomish County, Washington. The following required processing dates are referenced below:

- On April 6, 2022, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) sent an email notification to Ecology that they are reviewing the project for authorization under Nationwide Permit No. 29 and requires an individual Section 401.
- On September 6, 2022, Ecology issued a public notice for the project.

This project proposes to construct a multi-family residential development with associated infrastructure such as internal access road, stormwater management, and associated utilities. The project will cause 6,113 ft² of direct impacts, 5,636 ft² of indirect impacts, and 1,086 ft² of buffer impacts to Wetland A. This will be mitigated by a combination of 15,622 ft² of on-site wetland creation and by purchasing 0.11 credits at the Keller Farm Mitigation Bank.

The project site is located adjacent to 9500 18th Avenue West in Everett, Snohomish County, Washington, Section 14, Township 28 N., Range 4 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) #8—Cedar-Sammamish.

With this WQC Order, Ecology is granting Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC's request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Harrison Pointe project, provided that the activity is conducted in accordance with the Section 401 Water Quality Certification request and attachments Ecology received on October 24, 2022, and February 9, 2023.

Based on the information submitted, Ecology has determined that the discharge from the project will comply with state water quality requirements. Prior to undertaking any changes that materially alter the project, Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC must contact Ecology to determine whether a new Section 401 Water Quality Certification is required.

Issuance of this Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this proposal does not authorize Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC to exceed applicable state water quality standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC), ground water quality standards (Chapter 173-200 WAC), or sediment quality

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standards (Chapter 173-204 WAC). Furthermore, nothing in this Section 401 Water Quality Certification absolves Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters, or sediments resulting from project construction or operations.

### **Special Conditions:**

#### A. On-site Wetland Mitigation Conditions

- Pacific Ridge DRH, LLC shall mitigate wetland impacts as described in the *Conceptual Mitigation Plan for Harrison Pointe*, prepared by Soundview Consultants, dated February 8, 2023, or as required by this WQC Order.
  - Justification Alteration of water quality necessitates the use of mitigation as a method of controlling pollution. When adequate mitigation is provided, the impacts are not considered significant enough to water quality, at least in the long-term. The water quality standards, along with mitigation, protect wetlands as well as permitting some level of degradation where unavoidable or necessary.
  - Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii), WAC 173-201A-300, and WAC 173-225-010 WAC.

### **B.** Wetland Mitigation Bank Conditions

- Prior to impacting wetlands, Pacific Ridge DRH, LLC shall submit to Ecology documentation from the bank sponsor verifying the purchase of 0.11 wetland mitigation bank credits from the Keller Farm Mitigation Bank. This documentation must include the Ecology WQC Order number, WQC Order issuance date, impact acreage, the amount of credits required by the WQC Order, and date of credit purchase.
  - Justification This condition is necessary to ensure the compensatory mitigation was actually provided by the bank.
  - Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, RCW 47.85.040, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii), WAC 173-201A-300 and WAC 173-225-010.
- 2. Unless otherwise authorized by this WQC Order, Pacific Ridge DRH, LLC shall complete the purchase of credits before impacting wetlands. Otherwise, Ecology may require

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Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC to provide additional compensation to account for additional temporal loss of wetland functions.

- Justification Mitigation that is not emplaced concurrent with impacts will result in degradation of existing beneficial uses of the wetlands affected by the proposed action through temporal loss of functions.
- Citation 33 CFR 332, 40 CFR 131.12, 40 CFR 230, subpart J, RCW 47.85.040, Chapter 90.48 RCW, Chapter 90.54 RCW, Chapter 90.74 RCW, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-260 (3)(i-ii), WAC 173-201A-300 and WAC 173-225-010.

In view of the foregoing and in accordance with 33 U.S.C. §1341, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 Chapter 173-200 WAC and Chapter 173-201A WAC, this WQC is granted to Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC for the Harrison Pointe project.

This Certification is not effective until the U.S. Corps of Engineers (Corps) Seattle District issues a Department of the Army (DA) permit for this project. WQC Order No. 21393 will remain valid for the duration of the associated DA permit. Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC should send a copy of the final DA permit to fednotification@ecy.wa.gov within two weeks of receiving it.

### 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. "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.

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### 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 98501

### pchb-shbappeals@eluho.wa.gov

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

Electronic copies of appeals are not accepted at the Department 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

#### **Contact Information**

Please direct all questions about this Order to:

Doug Gresham
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Northwest Regional Office
(425) 429-1846
doug.gresham@ecy.wa.gov

#### **More Information**

Pollution Control Hearings Board Website

http://www.eluho.wa.gov/content/11

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 Chapter 43.21B RCW - Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office - Pollution Control Hearings Board

http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B

- Chapter 371-08 WAC Practice And Procedure http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08
- Chapter 34.05 RCW Administrative Procedure Act http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05
- Chapter 90.48 RCW Water Pollution Control http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.48
- Chapter 173.204 WAC Sediment Management Standards http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-204
- Chapter 173-200 WAC Water Quality Standards for Ground Waters of the State of Washington

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-200

• Chapter 173-201A WAC – Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-201A

### Signature

Dated this 28th day of February, 2023 at the Department of Ecology, Shoreline, Washington

Noe Burcar, Section Manager

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