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April 18, 2023

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

Re: Water Quality Certification Order No. **21451** for Corps Reference No. **NWS-2022-682**, Eastview Village, Snohomish County, Washington

Dear John Mirante:

On August 30, 2022, Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the Eastview Village project, 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. <u>This certification is subject to the conditions contained in the enclosed Water Quality Certification Order (WQC Order)</u>.

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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Enclosure (1)

By certified mail: 9171 9690 0935 0233 1185 55

Sent via email to: JVMirante@drhorton.com

E-cc: Matt DeCaro, Soundview Consultants Tina Tong, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Todd Gray, Tulalip Tribe Emily Swaim, Snohomish County Doug Gresham, Department of Ecology Loree' Randall, Department of Ecology ECYREFEDPERMITS@ecy.wa.gov 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. 21451 Corps Reference No. NWS-2022-682 Eastview Village, Wetland A located in Snohomish County, Washington.

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Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for Eastview Village, Snohomish County, Washington. The following required processing dates are referenced below:

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- On July 18, 2022, Pacific Ridge DRH, LLC submitted a pre-filing meeting request.
- On August 30, 2022, Pacific Ridge DRH, LLC submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification.
- On October 22, 2022, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) sent a permit notification to Ecology that indicated that they are processing the project under Nationwide Permit (NWP) No. 29.
- On October 31, 2022, Ecology issued a public notice for the project.

The project proposes to re-develop the site of a previously constructed landfill with a mixed residential and commercial development. The proposed residential areas will include single-family residential lots and townhomes. The proposed project will impact a Category IV wetland (7,667 ft<sup>2</sup>). Offsite mitigation will compensate for these impacts through the purchase of 0.15 credits from the Snohomish Basin Mitigation Bank.

The project site is located at 8915 Cathcart Way, near the City of Snohomish, Snohomish County, Washington, Section 35, Township 28N., Range 5E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 7 – Snohomish River.

With this WQC Order, Ecology is granting Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC's request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Eastview Village project, provided that the activity is conducted in accordance with the Section 401 Water Quality Certification request and attachments Ecology received on August 30, 2022, and the following supporting documentation: WQC Order No 21451, Corps No. NWS-2022-682 Aquatics 141844 April 18, 2023 Page 2 of 6

## Table 1. Supporting Documents

Date Received	Document Type	Title & Date	Author
August 30,	Joint Aquatic	JARPA for Eastview Village, dated	Soundview
2022	Resources Permit	August 23, 2022	Consultants
	Application		
	(JARPA) Form		
August 30,	Stormwater	Targeted Storm Drainage Report	Core Design
2022	Drainage Plan	for Eastview Village, dated August	
		11, 2022	
August 30,	Wetland	Wetland and Fish and Wildlife	Soundview
2022	Delineation	Habitat Assessment for Eastview	Consultants
		Village, dated July 25, 2022	
August 30,	Stormwater	SWPPP for Eastview Village, dated	Core Design
2022	Pollution	August 11, 2022	
	Prevention Plan		
	(SWPPP)		
October 13,	<b>Review Comments</b>	Response to review comments by	Soundview
2022		Emily Swaim at Snohomish	Consultants
		County, dated August 1, 2022	
March 14,	Mitigation Plan	Mitigation Plan for Eastview	Soundview
2023		Village, dated March 13, 2023	Consultants

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

# **Special Conditions:**

 Prior to impacting Wetland A, Pacific Ridge – DRH, LLC shall submit to Ecology documentation from the bank sponsor verifying the purchase of 0.15 wetland mitigation bank credits from the Snohomish Basin 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.
- Unless otherwise authorized by this WQC Order, Pacific Ridge DRH, LLC shall complete the purchase of credits before impacting wetlands. Otherwise, Ecology may require 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 WAC.
- 3. The Project Proponent shall obtain and comply with the conditions of the Construction Stormwater General Permit (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System NPDES) issued for this project.
  - Justification Ecology must protect waters of the state from all discharges and potential discharges of pollution that can affect water quality to protect aquatic life and beneficial uses.
  - Citation Chapter 90.48 RCW, RCW 90.48.030, RCW 90.48.080, RCW 90.48.260, Chapter 173-201A WAC, WAC 173-201A-300 - 330, WAC 173-204-120, 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 Eastview Village 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. 21451 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.

#### 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 WQC Order No 21451, Corps No. NWS-2022-682 Aquatics 141844 April 18, 2023 Page 5 of 6

### **Contact Information**

Please direct all questions about this WQC Order to:

Doug Gresham Department of Ecology 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
- 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

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Signature

Jbe Burcar, Section Manager Northwest Regional Office Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program <u>4/18/2023</u> Date