



**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY  
Southwest Region Office**

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January 21, 2025

Pierce County Planning & Public Works  
ATTN: Leticia Neal  
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Tacoma, WA 98409

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Rhodes Lake Road Corridor East (Corps No. **NWS-2023-809**), Pierce County, Washington

Dear Leticia Neal:

On January 9, 2024, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Pierce County Planning & Public Works' determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

On June 13, 2024, Pierce County Planning & Public Works' and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM until October 9, 2024, in order for Pierce County Planning & Public Works to obtain a Section 401 Water Quality Certification. A second stay was agreed to on September 23, 2024, extending the review period until January 10, 2025, in order for Pierce County Planning & Public Works to obtain a shoreline permit. A third stay was agreed to on January 6, 2025, extending the review period until February 28, 2025, in order for Pierce County Planning & Public Works to obtain a shoreline permit.

The New Rhodes Lake Road East project includes three County Road Projects (CRP):

1. CRP 5731: A new four-lane road with two lanes in each direction (and an uphill truck climbing lane) will be built from the bridge to a new intersection with the extension of Falling Water Boulevard East.
2. CRP 5843: A new bridge with two westbound lanes will be built over the Puyallup River. The bridge will be parallel to the existing bridge, which will offer two eastbound lanes.

3. CRP 5842: 128th Street East from SR-162 to the Puyallup River will be widened to two lanes in each direction with a two-way left turn lane from SR-162 to the bridge.

The project site is in the Puyallup River, in Orting, Pierce County, Washington, Section 13, Township 19N., Range 4E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 10 Puyallup-White.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Brook Swensen at [brook.swensen@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:brook.swensen@ecy.wa.gov) or 564-999-1749.

### Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

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

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see filing information 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 decision on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

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

### Address and Location Information

#### Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://eluh0.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

#### Service on Ecology

##### Street Addresses:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maria Sandercock".

Maria Sandercock, Section Manager  
Southwest Regional Office  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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