



Snohomish County Council

NEWS RELEASE

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County Council Discontinues Work On Brightwater EIS Appeal

The Snohomish County Council has withdrawn its appeal of the adequacy of the Environmental Impact Statement on the Brightwater Sewage Treatment Plant. The council voted 3-1 this morning to drop its appeal.

The council noted at least one public agency and a citizen group is likely to continue fighting the Brightwater EIS.

While it is not directly related to Brightwater, County Council Vice Chair Gary Nelson noted during the meeting that the county is continuing to defend its right to site Essential Public Facilities (EPF) using a conditional use permit. King County has challenged Snohomish County's EPF ordinance and the matter is now before Thurston County Superior Court.

On Tuesday, the council was presented with newly introduced legislation in Olympia that would clarify the siting process for EPF's. The Council will consider formally adding Senator Paull Shin's legislation (S 3909) to its legislative agenda at Wednesday's council meeting. The meeting is at 9:00 a.m. in the Jackson Board Room, County Administration Building, 6th Floor.

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Editor's Note: Voting Yes: Council members Nelson, Sievers, Gossett;
Voting No: Council member Sax; Excused: Council member Koster

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