

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

City of Shoreline Assumption of Ronald Wastewater District

2. Name of applicant:

City of Shoreline

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

January 23, 2017

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Shoreline

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

May 2014 – Council files notice of intent with King County and Snohomish County Boundary Review Boards to assume Ronald Wastewater District.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

The City of Shoreline will execute the 2002 Operating Agreement that was signed by the City and Ronald Wastewater District. The operating agreement is attached as reference. The date of transfer to the City is October 21, 2017.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the City of Shoreline Comprehensive Plan was issued 11/2/98 for the main body of related environmental analysis. Supplemental EIS's were issued for the 2005 Comprehensive Update as well as the 2012 Comprehensive Plan update.

The Ronald Wastewater District issued a Determination of Nonsignificance on October 7, 2010 for their 10-year District Master Plan.

The 2012 Comprehensive Plan Update evaluated the assumption of Ronald Wastewater District as described in the introduction section of the Capital Facilities Element. Specifically, Goal CF 1 directs the City to provide adequate public facilities that address past deficiencies and anticipate the needs of growth through acceptable levels of service, prudent use of fiscal resources, and realistic timelines.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

There was a pending lawsuit in court that asked for a public vote for the City to assume Ronald Wastewater District. On May 9, King County Judge Bradshaw denied Arthur Wadekamper's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Public Vote to Assume District. The court ruled that a public vote is not required for the City to assume the District under RCW 35.13A.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

As provided in the 2002 Interlocal Operating Agreement, no later than October 22, 2015, the City Council confers upon the City Manager or designee the authority to negotiate, in good faith, with the District the terms of a final transition plan so as to ensure smooth transition from District to City operations.

As provided in Chapter 35.13A RCW, effective October 23, 2017, the City of Shoreline assumes jurisdiction and ownership of Ronald Wastewater.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

Shoreline City Council has authorized the filing of a Notice of Intent to assume of that portion of the Ronald Wastewater District located within Snohomish County. The Notice of Intent is to be filed with the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board. The assumption process is defined by RCW 35.13.A.030 and includes the assumption of all assets and liabilities held by the District on the date of assumption and transfer of its entire sanitary sewer service area within the unincorporated area of Snohomish County as shown on the Existing Sewer System District Map dated 2014. The date of transfer to the City will be October 21, 2017 and will include transition steps included in the 2002 Operating Agreement with Ronald Wastewater District.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

Ronald Wastewater District offices are located at 17505 Linden Ave N. The sanitary sewer lines are located in all areas of the City and portions of Snohomish County. Please refer to Attached map for location of facilities to be assumed.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site:

Non-project action does not apply.

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Non-project action does not apply.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Non-project action does not apply.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Non-project action does not apply.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Non-project action does not apply.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action. Any future new construction or maintenance of existing infrastructure projects will adhere to adopted codes and standards such as the Department of Ecology's Stormwater Manual for Western Washington, the Shoreline Development Code, and the City of Shoreline Engineering Design Manual.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Non-project action does not apply.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Non-project action does not apply.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

Ronald Wastewater does not currently own or operate any sewage treatment facilities where odor may be a factor. All waste is collected in two facilities: King County's West Point plant and the City of Edmond's plant.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

Ronald, and eventually the City of Shoreline, will have to comply with Federal and State regulations in Department of Ecology's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System and the Environmental Protection Agency's Capacity, Management, operations, and Maintenance regulations.

3. Water

- a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Non-project action does not apply.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Non-project action does not apply. However, any future construction, maintenance, or repair activities will be subject to SMC 20.80 and SMC 20.200 for protection of streams, wetlands, and shorelines throughout the City.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

Non-project action does not apply.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Non-project action does not apply.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Non-project action does not apply.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

Non-project action does not apply. However, Ronald and the City are required to comply with RCW 90.48 which refers to unpermitted discharges that carries the risk of penalties and other enforcement actions from the Department of Ecology.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Non-project action does not apply.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Non-project action does not apply.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Non-project action does not apply.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Non-project action does not apply.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

Non-project action does not apply.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Non-project action does not apply.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Non-project action does not apply.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

Non-project action does not apply.

5. Animals

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

- birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

Non-project action does not apply.

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Non-project action does not apply.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Non-project action does not apply.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

Non-project action does not apply.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Non-project action does not apply.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

Non-project action does not apply.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

7. Environmental Health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

Ronald has an Operations and Maintenance Program that meets the Environmental Protection Agencies regulations regarding sewer overflows. The District has not had any sewer overflow that would discharge to the storm water system (see Ronald Wastewater District's 2010 Comprehensive Sewer Plan).

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

Non-project action does not apply.

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

Compliance with the Operations and Maintenance program and its updates in the future.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

Non-project action does not apply.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Non-project action does not apply.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Compliance with the Operations and Maintenance program and its updates in the future.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Non-project action does not apply.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Non-project action does not apply.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

Non-project action does not apply.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

Non-project action does not apply.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

Non-project action does not apply.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

The District owns and operates and maintains a domestic wastewater collector and interceptor system consisting of 16 lift stations, 21 individual grinder pumps, and approximately 190 miles of 6-to-30 inch diameter sanitary sewer mains, not including private sewers.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

Non-project action does not apply.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

The main office at 17505 Linden Ave N is zoned R-24.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Non-project action does not apply.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Non-project action does not apply.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

Non-project action does not apply.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Non-project action does not apply.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

Non-project action does not apply.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The assumption of Ronald is supported by the City of Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan which plans for growth over the next 20 years. The assumption of Ronald will provide the citizens of the City and the ratepayers served by the District with an efficient, high quality, and well-maintained sanitary sewerage wastewater system at a reasonable cost.

- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Non-project action does not apply.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Non-project action does not apply.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Non-project action does not apply.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

Non-project action does not apply.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Non-project action does not apply.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Non-project action does not apply.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Non-project action does not apply.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Non-project action does not apply.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

Non-project action does not apply.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe.

Non-project action does not apply.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

Non-project action does not apply.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

Non-project action does not apply.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

Non-project action does not apply.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Non-project action does not apply.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Non-project action does not apply.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

Non-project action does not apply.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

Non-project action does not apply.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

Non-project action does not apply.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Non-project action does not apply.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

Non-project action does not apply.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

Non-project action does not apply.

15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

The assumption of Ronald will not increase the need for public services. The assumption of Ronald will consolidate with other efficient, high-quality utilities and services provided by the City. Through consolidation, efficiency will be gained.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Non-project action does not apply.

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____

Non-project action does not apply.

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Non-project action does not apply.

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: _____



Name of signee Steve Szafran

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Date Submitted: January 23, 2017

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The assumption of Ronald Wastewater District will not increase discharge to water/emissions to air/production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise. The proposed action is a non-project action and simply transfers ownership from Ronald to the City of all existing assets and liabilities. The City is not proposing to amend any facilities at this time.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Does Not Apply.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The assumption of Ronald Wastewater District will not affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life. The proposed action is a non-project action and simply transfers the ownership from Ronald to the City of all existing assets and liabilities. The City is not proposing to amend any facilities at this time.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

Does Not Apply.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The assumption of Ronald Wastewater District will not deplete energy or natural

resources. The proposed action is a non-project action and simply transfers the ownership from Ronald to the City of all existing assets and liabilities. The City is not proposing to amend any facilities at this time.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

Does Not Apply.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The assumption of Ronald Wastewater District will not affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for governmental protection: such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands. The proposed action is a non-project action and simply transfers the ownership from Ronald to the City of all existing assets and liabilities. The City's regulations of critical areas are regulated under SMC 20.80. Any future construction, maintenance, or infrastructure improvements will be regulated by SMC 20.80. The City is not proposing to amend any facilities at this time.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

Does Not Apply.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The assumption of Ronald Wastewater District will not affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans. The proposed action is a non-project action and simply transfers the ownership from Ronald to the City of all existing assets and liabilities. The City is not proposing to amend any facilities at this time.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

Does Not Apply.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The assumption of Ronald Wastewater District will not increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities. The proposed action will consolidate public services in order to provide the citizens of the City and the ratepayers served by the District with an efficient, high quality, and well-maintained sanitary sewerage

wastewater system at a reasonable cost. The City is not proposing to amend any facilities at this time

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

Does Not Apply.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The proposed assumption will not conflict with any local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. King County Superior Court Judge Bradshaw denied Arthur Wadekamper's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on a public vote to assume the Ronald Wastewater District. The court ruled that a public vote is not required for the City to assume the District under RCW 35.13A.

