

SEPA¹ 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.

¹<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Checklist-guidance>

A. Background [Find help answering background questions²](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

The adoption of the Tahoma School District's (the "District") 2024 Capital Facilities Plan ("CFP") for the purposes of planning for the District's educational facilities needs. Adoption of the CFP is a nonproject proposal.

The District prepares annual updates to the CFP in accordance with the Washington State Growth Management Act, and the codes of King County and the cities of Black Diamond, Covington, and Maple Valley. The CFP is a nonproject planning document, covers a six-year planning period, and includes:

- Future enrollment forecasts for each grade span (elementary, middle and high school).
- An inventory of existing capital facilities owned by the District, showing the locations and capacities of those facilities
- A forecast of the future needs for capital facilities and the proposed capacities of expanded or new capital facilities.
- A six-year plan for financing capital facilities within projected funding capacities which identifies sources of public money for such purposes.
- A calculation of school impact fees to be assessed pursuant to RCW 82.02

The District prepares the CFP primarily as a basis for seeking, where eligible, school impact fees to help address school capacity impacts related to residential growth.

The District's Board of Directors will review and consider approval and adoption of the 2024 CFP. If approved and adopted, the District will send the CFP to King County and the cities of Black Diamond, Covington, and Maple Valley for consideration of inclusion into their respective Comprehensive Plans. A copy of the District's draft Capital Facilities Plan is available for review in the District's office.

2. Name of applicant:

Tahoma School District No. 409

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

²<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background>

May 19, 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Tahoma School District No. 409, acting as the lead agency for environmental review and SEPA compliance for this nonproject proposal.

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

The District's 2024 CFP is scheduled to be considered for adoption by the District School Board on or about June 18, 2024. If the Board of Directors approves and adopts the 2024 CFP, it will be sent to King County and the cities of Black Diamond, Covington, and Maple Valley for consideration of inclusion into the Capital Facilities Element of their respective Comprehensive Plans. The potential projects referenced in the CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a nonproject planning action and addresses educational planning for the entirety of the Tahoma School District. The 2024 CFP includes required six-year enrollment projections and related school capacities to determine whether additional school capacity may be needed to accommodate enrollment growth from new development. The District created a Housing Committee in 2020, comprised of staff and community members, to review and propose solutions for long term capacity needs. The Committee delivered recommendations to the District's Board of Directors in December 2022. Thereafter, the District formed a Bond Advisory Committee to consider the Housing Committee recommendations along with other District planning needs. The Bond Advisory Committee anticipates sending bond considerations to the Board in the Spring of 2025. During the six-year planning period, the District anticipates the need to construct additional capacity at the high school and middle school grade levels to address student capacity needs. New elementary capacity may also be needed, and the District may add portables at existing school site.

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

All potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed and require threshold determinations will undergo environmental review at the time of formal proposal and process when full details of the projects are known and able to be analyzed.

Information included in this environmental checklist is from the Capital Facilities Plan 2024, which is incorporated into this review.

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.

This is a nonproject action and addresses educational planning for the entirety of the Tahoma School District. There are no known applications covering the entire District or any of the sites for which a specific development project is identified.

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

As a non-project planning document, the 2024 CFP itself does not require permitting. The District anticipates that, following any Board approval and adoption of the CFP, its jurisdictions will consider incorporation of the 2024 CFP by reference in the Capital Facilities Element of each jurisdiction's Comprehensive Plan to inform student enrollment capacity planning related to existing and planned residential development. Any specific projects referenced in the CFP, if proposed for action, will be subject to project-level permitting and review.

11. Give a 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.)

This is a non-project planning document, addresses educational planning for the entirety of the Tahoma School District, and involves the adoption of a six-year Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) by the Tahoma School District to comply with the Washington State Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.070) and the codes of King County and the cities of Black Diamond, Covington, and Maple Valley. The purpose of the CFP is to provide these jurisdictions with a description of enrollment projections and school capacities over the required six-year planning period 2024-2029 to determine whether future school capacity/facilities may be needed to accommodate student enrollment growth as a result of new residential development. If the Board of Directors approves and adopts the 2024 CFP, it will be sent to King County and the cities of Black Diamond, Covington, and Maple Valley for consideration of inclusion into the Capital Facilities Element of their respective Comprehensive Plan. Potential projects referenced in the CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review at the time of formal proposal and process when full details of the projects are known and able to be analyzed.

The District updates the Capital Facilities Plan on an annual basis and carefully monitors enrollment projections against capacity needs. If legally supportable, the District requests its local jurisdictions to collect impact fees on behalf of the District to provide for growth-related student capacity needs, with the CFP providing a basis for such collection.

The impact fees requested in this year's Capital Facilities Plan are based on growth related construction projects including the high school and middle school addition projects.

A copy of the 2024 CFP is available for review upon request to the 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.

The 2024 CFP applies to educational planning within the Tahoma School District boundaries. The District boundaries include an area of approximately 90 square miles. Portions of unincorporated King County and the cities of Black Diamond, Covington, and Maple Valley fall within the District's boundaries. The District's CFP contains a map of the District's boundaries. A detailed map of the District's boundaries can be viewed at the District's offices.

B. Environmental Elements

Applicant/Agency Added Note: The Proposal is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval of any particular use. WAC 197-11-960 provides, in part, that "For nonproject proposals complete this checklist and the supplemental sheet for nonproject actions (Part D). The lead agency may exclude any question for the environmental elements (Part B) which they determine do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal. For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively." In order to provide as much information as possible about the proposal, the District has completed Part B even though it is not required. See Part D, Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions.

1. Earth [Find help answering earth questions](#)³

a. General description of the site:

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

This is a non-project action. The geographic area comprising the Tahoma School District includes a variety of topographic landforms and gradients. Specific topographic characteristics of the sites at which potential projects referenced in the 20243 CFP are located will be identified during project-level environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project specifics are known and able to be analyzed.

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

There are a variety of slopes with differing levels of steepness on properties located throughout the geographic area of the District. Any projects referenced in the CFP that may be proposed for action would include an evaluation of project/site-specific slopes during project review.

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.

There are a variety of soil types on properties located throughout the geographic area of the District.

³<https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

Any projects referenced in the CFP, if proposed for action, would include an evaluation of project/site-specific soils during project review.

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

Unstable soils may exist within the geographic area comprising the District. Specific soil limitations on individual sites of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP may include filing, excavation, and grading. Details of any such actions will be assessed and identified during project-level environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project specifics are known and able to be analyzed.

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.

The proposal as a nonproject planning action does not include filling, excavation, or grading components, nor approve of any project for that purpose. Individual projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed for action, will assess this component during project-level environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project specifics are known and able to be analyzed.

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

The proposal as a nonproject planning action does not include clearing, construction, or specific use in itself (nor does it approve any such use). It is possible that erosion could occur as a result of the construction of projects referenced in the CFP that may be proposed for action. The erosion impacts of the individual projects will be evaluated on a site-specific basis at the time of project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project specifics are known and able to be analyzed.

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

The proposal as a nonproject planning action doesn't include plans for impervious surface nor approve of any project for that purpose. Individual projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed, will be on sites with impervious surface coverage anticipated, the details of which will be assessed during project-level environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project specifics are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a non-project action. The erosion potential of any project referenced in the CFP that may be proposed for action, as well as any appropriate control measures, will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project specifics are known and able to be analyzed. Individual projects will be subject to all local approval processes. Without limitation, relevant erosion reduction and control requirements will be met.

2. Air [Find help answering air questions](#)⁴

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.

The proposal as a nonproject planning action doesn't in itself include the potential for emissions nor approve of any project for that purpose. Various emissions, many construction-related, may result from individual projects referenced in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for action. The air-quality impacts of each potential project will be evaluated during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Please see the Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions.

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

This is a non-project action. Any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect the individual projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a non-project action. The individual potential projects in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed and will be subject to local approval processes. Proposed measures will be identified at that time. The District will be required to comply with all applicable air regulations and air permit requirements.

3. Water [Find help answering water questions](#)⁵

a. Surface Water: [Find help answering surface water questions](#)⁶

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.

As a nonproject planning action, the proposal includes the entire geographic area of the Tahoma School District, and there is a network of surface water bodies in the geographic area comprising District. The surface water bodies that are in the immediate vicinity of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. When necessary, the surface

⁴<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

⁵<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

⁶<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Surface-water>

water regimes and flow patterns will be researched and incorporated into the designs of the individual projects.

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.

This is a non-project action. The potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP may require work near the surface waters located within the District and analysis of such will be included during project-specific environmental review during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Applicable local and/or state approval requirements will be satisfied.

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.

As a nonproject planning action, the proposal itself will not result in fill or dredging activities nor approve of any project for that purpose. Information with respect to the placement or removal of fill and dredge material as a component of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed for action, will be provided during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a non-project action. Any surface water withdrawals or diversions required in connection with the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

As a nonproject planning action, the proposal includes the entire geographic area of the Tahoma School District, and the geographic area comprising the District includes 100-year floodplain areas. Review of potential projects within a 100-year floodplain referenced in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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.

As a nonproject planning action, the proposal itself will not result in discharge of waste materials to surface waters nor approve of any project for that purpose. Specific information regarding the discharge of waste materials that may be required as a result of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be provided during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

b. Ground Water: [Find help answering ground water questions](#)⁷

- 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 a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

This is a non-project action. Individual potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed, may impact groundwater resources. Those impacts will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Each project will be subject to applicable local and/or state regulations.

- 2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (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.**

As a nonproject planning action, the proposal itself will not result in discharge of waste materials into the ground nor would it serve as the basis for approval of any project referenced therein. The discharge of waste material that may take place in connection with the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

- a) 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.**

As a nonproject planning action, the proposal itself will not result in runoff nor would it serve as the basis for approval of any project referenced therein. Individual potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP may have stormwater runoff consequences. Specific information regarding the stormwater impacts of each project will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Each project will be subject to applicable local and/or state stormwater regulations.

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

This is a non-project action. The potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed, may result in the discharge of waste materials into ground or surface waters. The specific impacts of each potential project on ground and surface waters will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Each project will be subject to all applicable regulations regarding the discharge of waste materials into

⁷<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Groundwater>

ground and surface waters.

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

This is a non-project action and will not in itself alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns nor would it serve as the basis for approval of any project referenced therein. The specific impacts of any project referenced in the CFP on drainage patterns will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

Specific measures to reduce or control runoff impacts associated with the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Each project will be subject to regulations related to altering or diverting drainage patterns.

4. Plants [Find help answering plants questions](#)

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

This is a non-project planning document and includes educational planning for the Tahoma School District. A variety of vegetative zones are located within the District. Inventories of the vegetation located on the sites of potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed for action, will be developed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a non-project action and will not in itself alter or remove vegetation nor would it serve as the basis for approval of any project for that purpose. Some of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP may require the removal or alteration of vegetation. The specific impacts on vegetation of the projects referenced in the CFP will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a non-project educational planning proposal affecting the entirety of the Tahoma School District. The geographic area comprising the District may include threatened and endangered species. An inventory of species that have been observed on or near the sites of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed for action, will be developed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Investigation will include use of the Washington State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife's *Priority Habitats and Species on the Web* database.

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

This is a non-project action. Measures to preserve or enhance vegetation at the sites of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Each project will be subject to applicable local landscaping requirements.

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

This is a non-project action and does not involve a specific site (or a specific project). Noxious weeds and invasive species observed on or near the sites of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed for action, will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

5. Animals [Find help answering animal questions](#)⁸

a. List any birds and other animals that 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:**

This is a non-project planning document and includes educational planning for the Tahoma School District. An inventory of species that have been observed on or near the sites of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed for action, will be developed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a non-project educational planning proposal affecting the entirety of the Tahoma School District. The geographic area comprising the District may include threatened and endangered species. Inventories of threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the sites of the projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be developed during project-specific environmental review at the

⁸<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Investigation will include use of the Washington State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife's *Priority Habitats and Specifies on the Web* database.

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

This is a non-project educational planning proposal affecting the entirety of the Tahoma School District. The geographic area comprising the District may include migration routes. The impacts of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP on migration routes will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a non-project action. Appropriate measures to preserve or enhance wildlife will be determined during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a non-project educational planning proposal affecting the entirety of the Tahoma School District and is not specific to a project on any particular site. The geographic area comprising the District may include invasive animal species. Invasive animal species observed on or near the sites of potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed for action, will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

6. Energy and Natural Resources [Find help answering energy and natural resource questions⁹](#)

1. 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.

This is a non-project action and will not in itself use energy nor would it serve as the basis for approval of any project referenced therein. The State's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction requires the completion of a life-cycle cost analysis of all heating, lighting, and insulation systems before it will permit specific school projects to proceed. The energy needs of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be determined at the time of specific engineering and site design planning at the appropriate time when project details are known.

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

This is a non-project action and will not in itself affect use of solar energy on adjacent properties nor

⁹<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou>

would it serve as the basis for approval of any project for that purpose. The impacts of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP on the solar potential of adjacent properties will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

3. 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.

This is a non-project action. Energy conservation measures proposed in connection with the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be considered during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

7. Environmental Health [Find help with answering environmental health questions¹⁰](#)

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

This is a non-project planning document and includes educational planning for the Tahoma School District. Individual projects identified in the CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review and local and/or state approval at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. At that time, environmental health hazards, if any, would be identified and addressed.

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

This is a non-project educational planning proposal affecting the entirety of the Tahoma School District. The geographic area comprising the District may include areas of known or possible contamination from present or past uses. Individual projects identified in the CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review and local and/or state approval at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. At that time, known or possible contamination, if any, would be identified and addressed.

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.

This is a non-project action. The potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed for action, will comply with all current codes, standards, rules and regulations. Individual projects will be subject to project-specific environmental review and local and/or state approval at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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.

¹⁰<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-7-Environmental-health>

As a nonproject planning action, the proposal itself will not result in storage, use, or production of toxic or hazardous chemicals nor would it serve as the basis for approval of any project for that purpose. Toxic and hazardous chemicals that may be stored or produced by the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Such projects will comply with all current codes, standards, rules and regulations related to hazardous materials.

4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

This is a non-project action. The need for special emergency services for the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Educational facilities in themselves may require special emergency services and any such services would be identified at project-level environmental review of individual projects identified in the CFP when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

While this nonproject planning action does not itself identify environmental health hazards, individual potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review impacts for related environmental health hazards at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

b. Noise

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

This is a non-project educational planning proposal affecting the entirety of the Tahoma School District. The geographic area comprising the District contains a variety of noises from traffic, construction, residential, commercial and industrial uses. The specific noise sources that may affect the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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)?

This is a non-project action. The potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP may create typical construction noises that will exist on a short-term basis. The projects could increase construction-related traffic around the construction sites on a short-term basis. Because the projects will increase the capacity of the District's school facilities, the projects may increase traffic-related or operations-related noise on a longer-term basis once the new facilities are constructed and opened. Specifics of noise level changes will be evaluated during project-specific review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.

This is a non-project action. The projected noise impacts of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be evaluated and mitigated during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Each project will be subject to applicable local and/or state regulations.

8. Land and Shoreline Use [Find help answering land and shoreline use questions¹¹](#)

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.

This is a non-project educational planning proposal affecting the entirety of the Tahoma School District. The geographic area comprising the District includes a variety of land uses including residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, utility, open space, recreational, etc. Impacts from potential projects referenced within the CFP to nearby or adjacent properties will be evaluated as part of the project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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 because 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?

This is a non-project action and not specific to a particular site. Identification of the use of sites intended for any potential projects referenced in the CFP as working farmlands or working forest land will be identified and described during project-level environmental review when appropriate. Potential projects referenced within the 2024 CFP do not involve sites used for working farmlands or working forest lands.

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?

This is a non-project action and will not itself affect or be affected by working farms/forestland, nor would it serve as the basis for approval of any project for that purpose. Any possible effects to surrounding farms or forest lands will be evaluated during project-specific environmental review for any project referenced in the CFP, if proposed, at the appropriate time when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

This is a non-project action and not specific to a site. Any structures located on the proposed sites of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be identified and described during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

¹¹<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

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

This is a non-project action. Any structures that will be demolished as a result of any project referenced in the CFP, if proposed, has been or will be identified during project-level environmental review when appropriate.

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

This is a non-project educational planning action and not specific to any site, and the CFP proposed here will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval of any particular use. There are a variety of zoning classifications throughout the District. Projects referenced in the 2024 Capital Facilities Plan are zoned under applicable zoning codes and identification of the potential projects or sites does not in itself direct land uses or serve as a basis for project-specific approvals. Rather, site-specific zoning information and requirements for projects that may be proposed for project activity in the 2024 CFP will be evaluated during project-specific environmental review when appropriate. To the extent any of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP are proposed for sites not currently zoned for the intended educational purpose or to the extent a site within the District's inventory is proposed in the future for a project not currently permitted within the zoning district, the local jurisdiction with zoning authority would need to evaluate and process any necessary zoning changes and conduct all required public notice and environmental review.

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

This is a non-project educational planning action and not specific to any site, and the CFP proposed here will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval of any particular use. District boundaries span multiple jurisdictions and the District owns facilities or properties in the unincorporated areas of King County and the cities of Black Diamond, Covington, and Maple Valley. The sites for the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for project activity are located among these jurisdictions and subject to the respective codes and comprehensive plans. To the extent any of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP are proposed for sites not currently designated in the relevant comprehensive plan for the intended educational purpose or to the extent a site within the District's inventory is proposed in the future for a project not currently permitted by the underlying comprehensive plan designation, the local jurisdiction with land use authority would need to evaluate and process any necessary comprehensive plan amendments and conduct all required public notice and environmental review.

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

This is a non-project action. Shoreline master program designations of the sites for the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed for action, will be identified during project-specific environmental review when appropriate.

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

This is a non-project action and does not involve a particular site for the educational planning purpose of the proposal. Any environmentally sensitive areas located on the sites of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed for action, will be identified during project-specific environmental review.

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

As a nonproject educational planning action, the proposal is not specific to a particular project. The current Tahoma School District student enrollment is 8,928. Enrollment is expected to increase to approximately 9,176 students by the 2029-2030 school year. The District employs approximately 1,100 people.

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

This is a non-project action and will not itself result in displacement of people. It is not anticipated that any of the referenced projects in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed will displace any people as a result of any project moving forward/. Final determination of any displacement caused by any potential project will be evaluated during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a non-project action. It is not anticipated that any of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed will displace any people from the sites. Individual projects referenced in this CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review and local approval when appropriate. Proposed mitigating measures will be determined at that time, if necessary.

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

This is a non-project educational planning document. The purpose of a school district Capital Facilities Plan is to provide local jurisdictions with a six-year projection of enrollment and identification of school capacity to determine the need for new school facilities to accommodate growth from new residential development that the local jurisdiction may permit, and to provide a basis for the assessment of school impact fees, if appropriate.

The 2024 CFP has been developed consistent with RCW 36.70A and RCW 82.02.020. If the Board of Directors approves and adopts the 2024 CFP it will be sent to King County and the cities of Black Diamond, Covington, and Maple Valley for consideration of inclusion into the Capital Facilities Element of their respective Comprehensive Plan. Individual projects referenced in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for action will be evaluated for compatibility with existing land uses and plans during project-specific environmental and permit review.

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

This is a non-project action. Any referenced projects in the Capital Facilities Plan that may be proposed for development will be evaluated for compatibility with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance has been or will be identified and described during project-level environmental review when appropriate.

9. Housing [Find help answering housing questions¹²](#)

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

The nonproject educational planning action does not propose any new housing units, and the potential school facility projects referenced in the 2024 CFP would not involve the provision of new housing units.

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

This nonproject educational planning action would not in itself eliminate any units nor would it serve as the basis for approval of any project that would do so. It is not anticipated that the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed, will eliminate any housing units. The impacts of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed, on existing housing will be evaluated during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time.

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

This is a non-project action. Measures to reduce or control any housing impacts caused by the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time. The CFP itself serves as a basis for a local jurisdiction to determine housing impacts to needed school capacity and serve as a basis for assessing school impact fees.

10. Aesthetics [Find help answering aesthetics questions¹³](#)

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

This is a non-project educational planning action and not specific to any site. Structural heights associated with any referenced project in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for development will be addressed during project-specific environmental review, when appropriate.

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

This is a non-project educational planning action and not specific to any site. Views associated with the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review, when appropriate.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.**

¹²<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

¹³<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

This is a non-project action. Appropriate measures to reduce or control the aesthetic impacts of any referenced project in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for development will be determined on a project-specific basis, when appropriate.

11. Light and Glare [Find help answering light and glare questions¹⁴](#)

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

This is a non-project educational planning action and not specific to any site or building/structure. The light or glare impacts of any referenced project in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for development will be addressed during project-specific environmental review when project details are known and able to be analyzed. In general, school facilities operate during the day with some post-school hour operations for extracurricular activities and include site safety lighting depending on the particular site location and design.

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

This is a non-project action. The light or glare impacts of any referenced project in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for development will be addressed during project-specific environmental review when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a non-project action. Off-site sources of light or glare that may affect any referenced project in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for development will be evaluated during project-specific environmental review when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a non-project action. Proposed measures to mitigate the light or glare impacts of any referenced project in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for development will be addressed during project-specific environmental review when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

12. Recreation [Find help answering recreation questions](#)

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

This is a non-project action and addresses educational planning throughout the geographic boundaries of the Tahoma School District. There are a variety of formal and informal recreational facilities within the District boundaries. These include both District-owned facilities and other public and private recreational facilities.

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

¹⁴<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>
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This is a non-project action and will not itself displace existing recreational uses nor will it serve as a basis for any future project to do so. Any proposed new school facilities and modernizations to existing school facilities may enhance recreational opportunities and uses. Specific recreational impacts of any referenced project in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for development will be addressed during project-specific environmental review when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This is a non-project action. Adverse recreational impacts of any referenced project in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for development will be subject to mitigation during project-specific environmental review. A school site usually provides recreational facilities to the community in the form of playfields and gymnasiums that may be used outside of school hours.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation [Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions¹⁵](#)

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.

This is a non-project action and addresses educational planning throughout the geographic boundaries of the Tahoma School District. There may be sites eligible for register listing located throughout the geographic area. There are no known places or objects listed on, or proposed for, such registers on the sites of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP which may be proposed for development. The existence of historic and cultural resources on or next to the sites will be addressed in more detail during project-specific environmental review.

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.

This is a non-project action. The geographic area comprising the District may include landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation. An inventory of historical sites at or near the sites of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be developed during project-specific environmental review. At a minimum, research will be conducted on the web using the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation's *Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD)* resource.

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.

This is a non-project action. Any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation, or material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance, on or near sites intended for any projects referenced in the Capital Facilities Plan have been or will be

¹⁵<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

identified and described during project-level environmental review when appropriate. Appropriate methods will be proposed on a project-specific basis. At a minimum, research will be conducted on the web using the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation's *Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD)* resource.

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.

This is a non-project action. The impact on cultural or historic resources of the individual potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review when project details are known.

14. Transportation [Find help with answering transportation questions¹⁶](#)

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.

This is a non-project educational planning proposal affecting the entirety of the Tahoma School District. The geographic area comprising the District contains a variety of roads, streets, and highways. The impact on public streets and highways of the individual, potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP, if proposed for action, will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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?

This is a non-project action. The relationship between public transit and individual potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. District schools are regularly served by District transportation service (yellow bus).

c. 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).

This is a non-project action and the educational planning purpose of the CFP will not in itself require any transportation improvements. The need for new streets or roads, or improvements to existing streets and roads associated with individual potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

¹⁶<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

This is a non-project action and does not in itself involve a proposed use nor does it serve as a basis for such use. Use of water, rail or air transportation associated with individual potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

- e. 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?**

This is a non-project action and will not in itself generate vehicular trips nor serve as a basis for approval of a project that would. The traffic impacts of individual potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for development will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Approved data models will be used to evaluate trips generated by individual projects.

- f. 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.**

As a non-project action, the CFP will neither itself nor serve as a basis for approval of any project that would be affected by movement of agricultural or forest projects on roads/streets. The traffic impacts of individual potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for development will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.**

This is a non-project action. The mitigation of traffic impacts associated with individual potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP that may be proposed for development will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

15. Public Services [Find help answering public service questions¹⁷](#)

- 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 District does not anticipate that the projects identified in the CFP that may be proposed for development or the CFP itself will significantly increase the need for public services.

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

¹⁷<https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-15-public-services>

This is a non-project action. Any potential new school facilities that are referenced in the CFP and may be proposed for development will be code compliant and constructed with automatic security systems, fire alarms, smoke alarms, heat sensors, and sprinkler systems consistent with local and/or state requirements.

16. Utilities [Find help answering utilities questions¹⁸](#)

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

This is a non-project action and does not involve a particular site or project, nor does it serve as the basis for approval of any particular project referenced in the CFP. Storm, power, and water are currently available to the sites of the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP. Other utilities are either available or the District will apply for approval of alternative sewage disposal systems/procedures. The types of utilities available at specific project sites will be addressed in detail during project-specific environmental review at the time of formal proposal when project details are fully known.

- 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.**

This is a non-project action. Utility revisions and construction needs will be identified during project-specific environmental review when project details are fully known.

C. Signature [Find help about who should sign¹⁹](#)

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.

X Kyle Hood _____

Type name of signee: Kyle Hood

Position and agency/organization: Director of Operations

¹⁸<https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

¹⁹<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>

Date submitted: 5-17-2024

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)²⁰

IT IS NOT REQUIRED to use this section 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.

APPLICANT/AGENCY ADDED NOTE: The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval of any particular use. To the extent the Capital Facilities Plan makes it more likely that school facilities will be constructed, some of these environmental impacts may be more likely. However, neither approval of the CFP itself nor its inclusion as a part of any jurisdiction's Comprehensive Plan Capital Facilities Element serves as the basis for approval of any potential project referenced in the CFP that may be proposed for action, nor does it direct a land use approval of any site referenced in the CFP.

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 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval of any particular use. To the extent the CFP makes it likely that school facilities may be considered for action, there may be increased discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise. Additional impermeable surfaces, such as roofs, access roads, and sidewalks could increase stormwater runoff, which could enter surface or ground waters. Heating systems, emergency generators, and other school equipment that is installed pursuant to the Capital Facilities Plan could result in air emissions. The projects referenced in the Capital Facilities Plan should not require the production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances, with the possible exception of the storage of diesel fuel or gasoline for emergency generating equipment. The District does not anticipate a significant increase in the production of noise from its facilities, with the possible exception of noise production due to short-term construction activities or the presences of additional students/school operations on a site. Construction impacts related to noise and air would be short term and are not anticipated to be significant.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

Proposed measures to mitigate any such increases described above have been or will be addressed for any potential project referenced in the CFP that may be proposed for action during project-level environmental review when appropriate. Stormwater detention and

²⁰<https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-project-actions>

runoff will meet applicable County and/or City requirements and may be subject to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permitting requirements. Discharges to air will meet applicable air pollution control requirements. Fuel oil will be stored in accordance with local and state requirements. Noise impacts will be evaluated under local and state standards once when project details are known and able to be analyzed, and impacts will be mitigated appropriately.

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

The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval of any particular use. The potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP are not likely to generate severe impacts on fish or marine life. As needed, specific measures to protect and conserve plants, animals, and fish will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval any of particular use. Should the potential projects referenced in the 2024 CFP be proposed and constructed, they will require the consumption of energy.

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

The potential projects referenced in the CFP, if proposed, will be constructed in accordance with applicable energy efficiency standards and requirements, and proposed measures needed to protect or conserve energy and natural resources have been or will be addressed during project-level environmental review when appropriate.

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 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval any of particular use and, as such, will not have an impact on these elements itself. Environmentally sensitive areas will be identified during project-specific environmental review of any project referenced in the CFP and proposed for action and will be consistently addressed with local and/or state requirements.

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

Updates of the CFP will be coordinated with King County and the cities of Black Diamond, Covington, and Maple Valley, with at least one of the above jurisdictions being the lead permitting agency for any project referenced in the CFP that may be proposed for action. Appropriate measures as identified in collaboration with regulatory agencies will be proposed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time of formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval of any particular use and, as such, does not in itself dictate certain shoreline and land uses. Any projects referenced within the CFP and subsequently proposed for project-specific review and permitting will be reviewed for compliance with existing plans and would be subject to the relevant jurisdiction's land use process and approval requirements.

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

This 2024 CFP is a non-project planning document and does not in itself dictate certain shoreline and land uses. Any projects referenced within the CFP and subsequently proposed for project-specific review and permitting will be reviewed and conditioned appropriately to avoid or reduce land use impacts.

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

The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval of any particular use and, as such, does not itself create substantial new demands for transportation. The potential projects referenced in the CFP, if proposed, may create an increase in traffic near District facilities during the school year and during school start/end times. Impacts on transportation, public services, and utilities related to the potential projects referenced in the CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

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

This 2024 CFP is a non-project planning document and, as such, does not itself create substantial new demands for transportation, public services, or utilities. Therefore, no measures to reduce or respond to such demands are proposed at this time. Any proposed measures to reduce demands on transportation, public services or utilities have been or would be done at the project-specific level of any project referenced in the CFP if proposed for action. Requirements of the permitting jurisdiction, as well as any additional measures identified during project-level environmental review, would be complied with as a part of the project.

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

The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval of any particular use and does not conflict with any laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. Specific projects referenced in the Capital Facilities Plan, if proposed, have been or will be reviewed under project-level environmental review requirements. The Washington Growth Management Act (the GMA) outlines 13 broad goals, including adequate provision of necessary public facilities and services. Schools are among these necessary facilities and services. The Capital Facilities Plan satisfies the requirements of RCW 36.70A.070, identifies additional school facilities necessary to meet the educational needs of the growing student populations

anticipated in the District, and informs local jurisdictions regarding the impacts of new residential development on public school capacity.