



TO: Public Works Division Managers and
Surface Water Management Staff

FROM: William L. Pugh, P.E., Director
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SUBJECT: Revision to Detention Practices for the Leach Creek Watershed

DATE: September 15, 2004

Effective immediately, the "contribution-in-lieu-of-detention" option will no longer be available to new development/re-development applicants in the Leach Creek watershed. Applicants who exceed the threshold for flow control will be required to provide on-site detention for their project in accordance with the newest version of Tacoma's Surface Water Management Manual.

The "in-lieu-of-detention" program is based on contributions by applicants which are used to expand the regional City stormwater system, as an alternative to construction of individual on-site detention facilities. However, at this time, the City of Tacoma does not have additional future detention storage identified within the Leach Creek Watershed and cannot allow continuation of the in-lieu-of-detention fee.

Revisions to the Manual which reflect this change will be finalized and available early in 2005.

If you have questions regarding flow control thresholds, please contact Chris Johnson (253) 502-2179 or Ryan Flynn (253) 502-2102. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William L. Pugh".

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