

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

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1. **Name of proposed project, if applicable:** Foster Pilot Water Right Applications and Trust Water Rights Change applications.
2. **Name of applicant:** City of Sumner, Ryan Johnstone
3. **Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**
1104 Maple Street, Suite 260
Sumner, WA 98390
Office: (253) 299-5721
4. **Date checklist prepared:** April 1, 2026.
5. **Agency requesting checklist:** City of Sumner
6. **Proposed timing of schedule (including phasing, if applicable):** Department of Ecology, Water Resources Section, to issue application decisions in 2026 or 2027.
7. **Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activities related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.** Future activity related to this proposal would include Capital Improvement Projects described in Sumner's Water System Plan and related to the infrastructure, mitigation, and conditions of approval for the water rights.
8. **List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.** Environmental documents previously prepared and related to this proposal include the following and are adopted by reference for this proposal:
 - *White River Restoration Project (WRRP) SEPA-2021-0045 MDNS and associated documents issued December 1, 2021, and modified January 6, 2026.*
 - *City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan dated January 6, 2025*
 - *FEIS dated January 6, 2025, completed for the City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan.*
 - *City of Sumner Water System Plan dated August 2020 and associated SEPA documents.*
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.**
 - *White River Restoration Project (WRRP): There are no outstanding permit application approvals pending. All permits have been approved.*

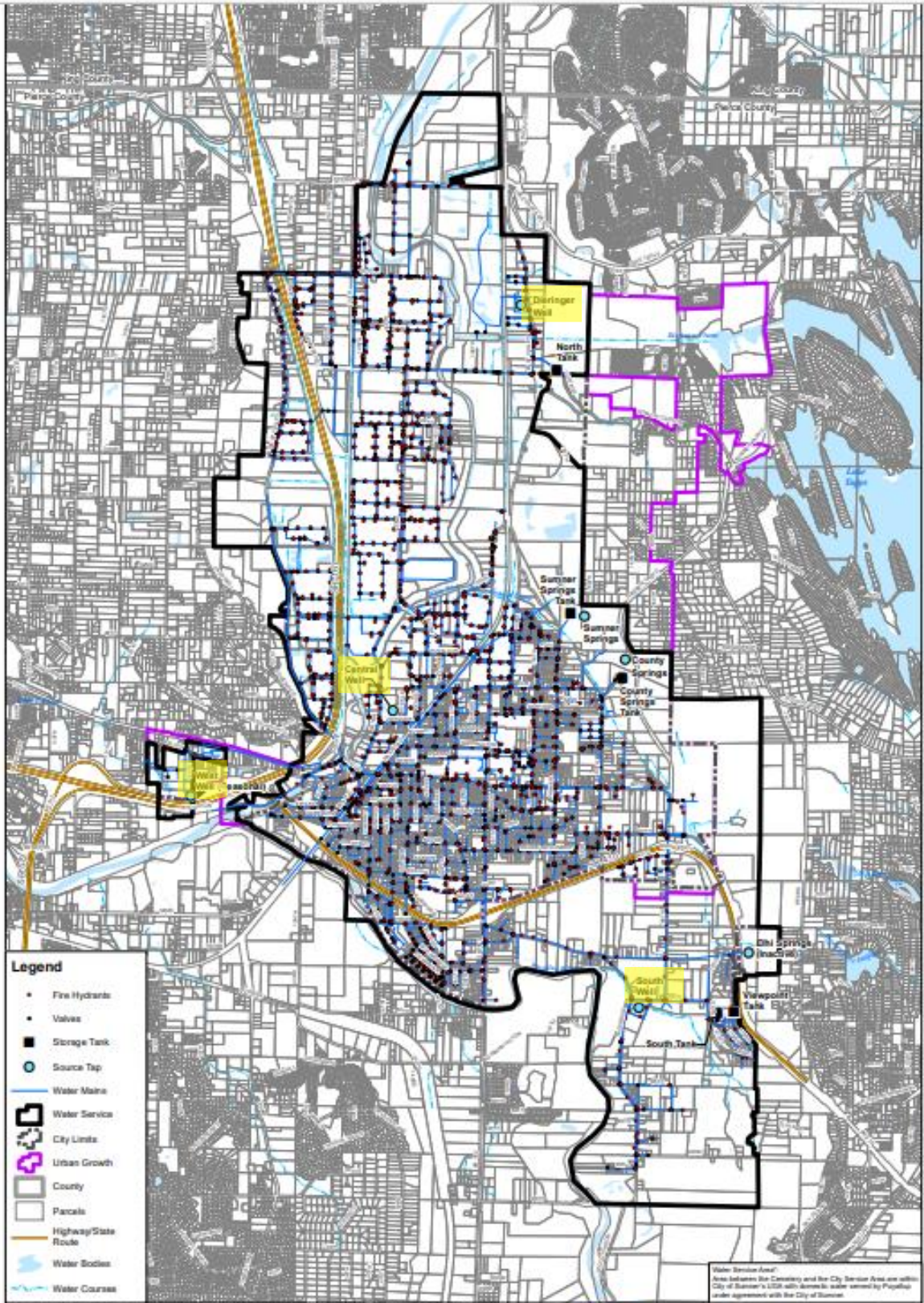
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

- City of Sumner SEPA review
- Washington State Department of Ecology, Water Resources Section, approval of Foster Pilot water right applications and trust water right change applications.

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.)

The City of Sumner is applying for additional water rights and changes to two of its existing water rights to serve current and future growth demands. The City's water right applications G2-30534, CG2-21980C, and CG2-23281C, are for a deep aquifer well and additional points of withdrawal to meet projected water demands. To mitigate for the water withdrawal effects on surface water, the City has purchased multiple existing water rights and proposes to place them in a permanent trust to provide in-kind mitigation. In addition, out of kind mitigation through the White River Restoration project (WRRP) is provided.

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 areas, 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. This proposal involves multiple existing municipal well sites and the City's existing water service area. The Dieringer Well Site is located at 1802 East Valley Highway and the Central Well site is located at 1650 Steele Ave. See below map showing Sumner's water service area, sources, storage and related water system infrastructure. The well sources are highlighted in yellow on the map.



GIS Base: City of Sumner & Pierce County
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Existing Sumner Water Utility Service Area Boundary & Water Distribution Infrastructure
 Water Comprehensive Plan
 City of Sumner

Figure 4.2

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth

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- **General description of the site:** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

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

- **What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?**
This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **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.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

2. Air

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- **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.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

3. Water

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- **Surface:**
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 - **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.** White River, and Puyallup River above and below the confluence with the White River.
 - **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.** No
 - **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.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
 - **Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.** No.
 - **Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

- **Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

- **Ground:**

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- **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.**

Yes. The proposed water rights will allow the City to use the Central and Dieringer Wells for new production as well as new points of withdrawal for the West and South Well water rights. The City is one of five entities allowed by state legislation (RCW 90.94.090) to process water right applications under the so-called Foster Pilot program. The West and South Well change applications were filed in 2004 and the new water right application was filed in 2009 (collectively referred to as the Foster Pilot Applications). In 2010, the City drilled and constructed the Central Well under a preliminary permit for the two change applications. The Central Well was tested at rates between 1,850 to 2,160 gallons per minute (gpm), including a 24-hour constant-rate test at 2,085 gpm.

The mitigation plan for the Foster Pilot Applications includes Tier 1 (avoidance) provided by conservation, reducing the applied for quantity of 1580 acre-feet per year (AFY) to 377.75 AFY, and by limiting how the wells can be used, avoiding use patterns that lead to higher impacts. Tier 2 mitigation (minimization) includes replacement water mitigation by transferring existing water rights to the Trust Water Rights Program. The Trust Water Right applications and quantities are:

- Cert. 11173(B) (CS2-SWC11173(B)) – 0.19 cfs/38.6 AFY
- Certificate 290-D (G2-*00332SWRIS) – 700 gpm/1120 AFY
- Certificate 291-D (G2-*00333SWRIS) – 700 gpm/1120 AFY
- CS2-SWC2451 – 0.16 cfs/29.51 AFY
- CS2-SWC3752 – 0.76 cfs/90.3 AFY

These quantities may be reduced by Ecology as part of its investigation and decision on the Trust Water Right applications. Tier 3 mitigation is provided by the WRRP habitat restoration project.

- **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.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new

construction activity.

- **Water Runoff (including stormwater):**

- **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.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

4. Plants

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- **Check the types of vegetation found on the site:** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
 - 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**

- **What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

5. Animals

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- **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.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

Examples include:

- **Birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- **Mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- **Fish:** bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:
- **List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.** This proposal is for additional

water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

6. Energy and natural resources

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- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

7. Environmental health

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- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **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.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

- **Describe special emergency services that might be required.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Noise**
 - **What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
 - **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
 - **Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

8. Land and shoreline use

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- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity. Land use and population growth impacts have been studied and mitigated through the City's GMA comprehensive plan and development regulations. See *City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan dated January 6, 2025, and FEIS dated January 6, 2025.*
- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

- **Describe any structures on the site.** There is one structure on the City of Sumner Central Well site. This structure is a concrete masonry unit/metal building constructed on a concrete slab foundation and includes an external backup power generator on its own concrete slab and a paved driveway and vehicle parking area. The structure is 60 feet by 40 feet for a total of 2,400 sq. ft. The structure is broken into four rooms:
 - Filter Room: contains the iron and manganese filtration and granular activated carbon vessels and associated piping, valving and platforms.
 - Electrical Room, Laboratory, Bathroom: contains the motor control cabinets and electrical panels for the facility, water quality laboratory sampling and analysis equipment, and toilet, sink, and hot water heater for staff use.
 - Pump Room: contains the vertical turbine well pump and motor.
 - Chlorine Room: contains storage tanks, salt, dosing pumps, and other associated equipment for the production of sodium hypochlorite.

- **Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?** No.

- **What is the current zoning classification of the site?** Heavy Industrial with MIC Core Overlay

- **What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?** Heavy Industrial

- **If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?** N/A
 - **Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.** N/A
 - **Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?** N/A
 - **Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?** N/A
 - **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.** N/A
 - **Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.** The City’s existing wells are allowed uses of the sites and consistent with zoning and land use plans. Land use and population growth impacts have been studied and mitigated through the City’s GMA comprehensive plan and development regulations. See City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan dated January 6, 2025, and FEIS dated January 6, 2025.

- **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity. Land use and population growth impacts have been studied and mitigated through the City’s GMA comprehensive plan and development regulations. See City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan dated January 6, 2025, and FEIS dated January 6, 2025.

9. Housing

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- **Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. This proposal is for a water rights application and is not specific to one site or development.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity. See Sumner’s 2025 Comprehensive plan for discussions on current and planned for housing.
- **Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity. No housing units would be eliminated as part of this proposal.
- **Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and would therefore ensure that Sumner has the water capacity for future housing and growth anticipated in its 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Land use and population growth impacts have been studied and mitigated through the City’s GMA comprehensive plan and development regulations. See City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan dated January 6, 2025, and FEIS dated January 6, 2025.

10. Aesthetics

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- **What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction

activity.

11. Light and glare

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- **What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

12. Recreation

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- **What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**
This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

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- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

14. Transportation

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- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.
- **Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water,**

rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

- **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.** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

- **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:** This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity. However, City wide approaches to reduce transportation within the City and Region include:
 - Providing incentives for transit oriented development within Sumner’s Town Center plan area built around Sound Transits Sumner station
 - Partnering with Sound Transit’s Sumner Station and its growth.
 - The City of Sumner participates in a 2025-2029 Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) plan pursuant to RCW [70A.15.4000](#) through [70A.15.4110](#).

15. Public services

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- **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.** This proposal would not create a need for increased services in Sumner, but rather it is needed to meet the demand capacity for Sumner’s projected growth. See Chapter 5 of Sumner’s Water System Plan for Sumner’s water rights and source capacity analysis.

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

2008 the City of Sumner has implemented a Water Use Efficiency (WUE) program, which has most recently been updated in 2017. This program aims to ensure Sumner is being a responsible steward of the existing water it is using. The WUE program includes the following:

- *Adoption of a singular goal to meet the 3-year running average DSL standard of 10 percent or less by 2025.*
- *Continuance of the discretionary and required WUE measures that were adopted with the 2009 plan, as they have largely resulted in reduced and efficient customer use that has fulfilled past goals on a cost-effective basis.*
- *A water loss control action plan (WLCAP) that details demand side actions to eliminate potential unauthorized connections associated with two commercial/industrial properties and to reduce unauthorized withdrawals from City fire hydrants.*
- *WLCAP supply side actions include upgrades to the City's instrumentation and telemetry system (which ultimately is used to quantify water production totals) and funding of a water main replacement program that will target suspected leaking mains. The suspected mains have been identified through continuing leak detection surveys performed for the City.*

The contents of this 2017 WUE program serve to meet the recently updated third addition of the DOH Water Use Efficiency Guidebook, published in January 2017

- Water reclamation options have been evaluated in Sumner's Water System plan section 5.7.
- **Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:**


This proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

- **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 proposal is for additional water rights at existing well locations and does not involve any new construction activity.

C. Signature

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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  Signed by:
Ryan Johnstone
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Type name of signee: Ryan Johnstone

Position and agency/organization: Public Operations Director, City of Sumner WA.

Date submitted: April 2, 2026

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet²⁰](#)

Do not 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.

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>

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

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

- 2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?**
 - **Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:**

- 3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?**
 - **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:**

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

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

- 6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**
 - **Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:**

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