

Critical Areas Ordinance Update

City Council Workshop

November 3, 2017

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- Regulates (LMC Chapters 17.10 & 17.12)
 - Wetlands
 - Frequently Flooded Areas
 - Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas
 - Geologically Hazardous Areas
 - Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas
- Ecological Land Services (ELS) is providing consulting services

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- Primary goal of update is to ensure the City code is consistent with State regulations
- Review of “Best Available Science” is complete
- Determined that the City does not have Critical Aquifer Recharge Area
- Staff review of initial draft is complete. ELS is working on 2nd draft

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- Issues
 - Long Bell Log Pond: working log pond should be exempt from CAO
 - State Fish & Wildlife has it listed on their priority habitat and species database
 - Liquefaction
 - Longview lowlands – moderate to high liquefaction susceptibility
 - Researching whether additional measures should be taken to reduce risk

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- On schedule to meet State deadline of June 30, 2017
- Planning Commission review in February to March
- City Council review and approval in April to May