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Re: Contingency Planning for State Agency Operations on July 1

Dear Mr. Schumacher:

In response to your June 12, 2013 memorandum regarding contingency planning, the Environmental and Land User Hearings Office (ELUHO) does not have any services that fall into categories 1 – 4 specified in your memo.

In sending this letter, I am acting on behalf of ELUHO Director Kathy Mix, who is currently on annual leave. I have consulted with Nina Carter who is the Administrative Officer for the Growth Management Hearings Board and with whom I am sharing acting Director duties during Kathy Mix's absence. We apologize for the delay in sending this letter to you as we first interpreted your letter to provide a response only if we had a list of services that fall within the four stated categories.

Although our services do not meet the criteria identified in your memo, each of the Boards within ELUHO (the Pollution Control Hearings Board, the Shorelines Hearings Board and the Growth Management Hearings Board) has statutory timelines within which to hold hearings and issue decisions on the appeals of a variety of environmental and land use decisions issued by local governments and state agencies. If the Legislature fails to pass an appropriations budget by July 1, 2013, appeals currently scheduled for hearing or pending decisions within the next 60 days will likely be delayed beyond the statutory deadlines. If you are interested, I would be glad to send you a list of the appeals that we believe are significant and likely sensitive to delay.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tom McDonald, Board Member  
on behalf of Kathleen D. Mix, Director

cc: Linda Steinmann