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City of Sedro-Woolley Hearing Examiner
325 Metcalf Street
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Submitted electronically to John Coleman, jcoleman@ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us and Katherine Weir, kweir@ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us, [Planning Department](#)

Re: Skagit County Stabilization Campus

Dear Hearing Examiner,

Thank you for considering Skagit County's application to relocate an Evaluation & Treatment (E&T) facility within the City of Sedro-Woolley. The application also includes a proposed acute detox/withdrawal management facility, to be constructed during a possible Phase II. Washington State has made significant investments in the expansion of regional behavioral health treatment facilities and has invested over \$10,000,000 in this proposed project. Like the State, our Board of Commissioners understands the severe strain behavioral health crises can put on individuals, families, and society, and we undertake this project to preserve treatment capacity and improve the health of our community.

The existing North Sound Evaluation & Treatment Facility provides an essential public service. With the planned closure of this facility, we took it upon ourselves to find an alternative location to preserve this service. By constructing a new facility on Highway 20, the County is helping to ensure access to emergency mental health treatment for Skagit County residents in a therapeutic environment close to home.

We are committed to working with the City of Sedro-Woolley in good faith to plan for, prepare, and resolve any potential impacts this facility may have.

Please let our project team know if you have any questions as you review the County's application. We thank you in advance for your full and fair consideration of our proposal.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Ron Wesen, Chair


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