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MEMO:

To: Sedro-Woolley Planning Commission

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Date: January 16, 2018

Subject: CPA-5-17 – Parks and Recreation Element Update – *Continued*

ISSUE

The city of Sedro-Woolley is continuing an update to the Parks and Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Plan that the Planning Commission began reviewing in November of 2017. The Parks and Recreation Element was adopted in 2012 to meet the 2016 Growth Management Act (GMA) update requirements and is fully compliant with the GMA. The city has elected to update the element to remain eligible for State Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) grants. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on proposed updates to the element on December 20, 2017. At that hearing, the Planning Commission reviewed the existing plan and made a recommendation to maintain the same level of service standards for parks and trails. With the level of service established, staff was able to determine how much additional parks and trail lands is necessary to acquire and develop between now and 2036, the end of the city's comprehensive planning horizon. Another public hearing is scheduled for today's Planning Commission meeting.

Please review the draft Parks and Recreation Element and Parks Impact Fee Calculations. Significant changes to the Parks Impact Fee Calculations have been made since the December Planning Commission meeting. The majority of the amendments to the Parks and Recreation Element since the last meeting are related to the results of Parks Impact Fee Calculations updates. A public hearing on the Parks and Recreation Element and Parks Impact Fee Calculations is scheduled at the January 16, 2018 meeting.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A – Draft Amendments to the Parks and Recreation Element
Exhibit B – Draft Amendments to the Parks Impact Fee Calculations (Appendix A to Parks and Recreation Element)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommends that the Planning Commission:

- Hold a public hearing on the attached draft updates; and
- Make a motion to recommend that the city council adopt the proposed amendments to the Sedro-Woolley Parks and Recreation Element and Parks Impact Fee Calculations.