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Mayor Mike Anderson
City of Sedro-Woolley
325 Metcalf Street
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

RE: Deluxe Proposal

Greetings,

The Board of Commissioners is committed to the regional solid waste planning process established by the April 30, 2008 Solid Waste System Governance Board Agreement ("2008 Interlocal"). We write to propose a path forward that will facilitate that planning process.

The basic intent of the 2008 Interlocal is that all parties will continue sending their municipal solid waste to the Ovenell facility, meanwhile working toward a long-range solid waste plan that keeps disposal rates low, increases recycling, provides adequate levels of service on a county-wide basis, and affords adequate reserve funding for environmental clean-up and landfill remediation.

To that end, the Board of Commissioners envisions a work plan under which the Solid Waste System Governance Board will establish criteria for solid waste solutions that accomplish these objectives. We envision that a suitable and responsive proposal could form the cornerstone of a revised Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (CSWMP) that serves our community through 2013 and beyond.

It is our understanding that the City has been directed to perform a new environmental review of the Deluxe Recycling and Disposal LLC proposal. Based on its application documents submitted to the City, Deluxe plans to construct and operate a facility to handle municipal solid waste on a regional basis. Deluxe's proposal would create significant environmental impacts related to solid waste management and planning. Accordingly, it is our view that the City cannot perform environmental review of the Deluxe proposal in a manner consistent with SEPA prior to the Governance Board's planning process.

The 2008 Interlocal provides that private proposals can be entertained only through an RFP process directed by the Governance Board. As expressly envisioned by the 2008 Interlocal, the County has amended the CSWMP to reflect that requirement. Pursuant to the 2008 Interlocal, this applies to the City of Sedro-Woolley as well.

Accordingly, we write to make clear that the County Board of Commissioners will not permit, approve or authorize any private municipal solid waste facility that is not a product of and responsive to an RFP approved by the Governance Board, as expressly envisioned by the 2008 Interlocal.

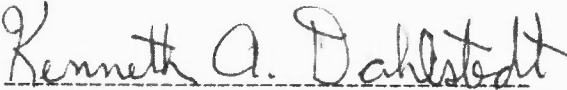
We encourage the City to defer any further review of the Deluxe proposal to the Solid Waste System Governance Board and its planning process. We look forward to resuming a cooperative and productive partnership with the City of Sedro-Woolley on solid waste management and planning issues.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



DON MUNKS, Chairman



KENNETH A. DAHLSTEDT, Commissioner



SHARON D. DILLON, Commissioner

cc: Solid Waste System Governance Board