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MEMORANDUM

To: Sultan City Council
Mayor Carolyn Eslick

CC: Deborah Knight, City Administrator
✓ Robert Martin, Planning Director

From: John E. Galt, Hearing Examiner 

Date: January 25, 2010

Subject: Annual Report for 2009

The Sultan Municipal Code does not require an annual report from the Hearing Examiner to the City Council. Nevertheless, I believe that a short summary of the matters which I have heard as your Hearing Examiner during 2009 would be interesting, if not beneficial, to you. I, therefore, present this brief report. The report is divided into two parts: Hearing Activity and Discussion of Issues. I would be pleased to meet with the Council at a time of mutual convenience.

Hearing Activity

2009 was a very slow year for land development cases requiring hearings before the Hearing Examiner: There was only one case heard during the year. (See attached table.) Abbreviations are hopefully self-explanatory: CUP = Conditional Use Permit; Okw/c = approve subject to conditions.

By way of comparison, I had two hearings in 2008 and 12 hearings in 2007.

The most likely reason for the significant decline in case load is well known to you: The down-turn in the local and national economy.

Discussion of Issues

The Sky Valley Options High School case did not bring to light any policy or regulatory problems.

ATTACHMENT A

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HEARING EXAMINER DECISIONS - 2009

File Number	Applicant Name Project Name	Case Type Acreage No. of Lots	Decision Reconsideration Action	Decision Date Reconsideration Date
CUP09-02	Sultan School District <i>Sky Valley Options High School</i>	CUP 3.40	OKw/c	08/26/2009