

**SULTAN PLANNING BOARD
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: A-1

DATE: February 2, 2009

SUBJECT: Receive Annual Report from Hearing Examiner

CONTACT PERSON: Robert Martin, Community Development Director

ISSUE:
Review and Receive Hearing Examiner's Annual Report for 2009.

BACKGROUND:

Sultan Municipal Code (SMC) 2.26 provides for quasi-judicial land use actions to be handled by a Hearing Examiner. The Hearing Examiner is a professional with extensive legal background hired by the City to provide objective third-party review and decisions on land use actions that require public hearings. These actions include appeals of staff decisions, conditional use applications, variance applications, subdivision applications, and other actions provided by the code.

One of the Examiner's responsibilities is to provide a review of the past year's activities, and make any comments felt appropriate to improve interaction between the city's land use system and the Hearing Examiner.

DISCUSSION:

The year 2009 only experienced one Hearing Examiner hearing, that of the Sky Valley Options High School.

The Examiner made no comments relative to system improvements for the coming year.

The Hearing Examiner's Annual Report for 2009 is included here as "**Attachment A**".

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Hearing Examiner's Annual Report for 2009