

197-11-960 Environmental checklist.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:
Swart Riparian Restoration-Wenas Creek

2. Name of applicant:
North Yakima Conservation District (NYCD)

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
Brian Schmidt - Resource Specialist NYCD
1606 Perry Street, Suite C
Yakima, WA 98902
(509) 454-5736 x124
Brian-schmidt@wa.nacdnet.org

4. Date checklist prepared:
September 17, 2009

5. Agency requesting checklist:
WDFW

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
October 15, 2009 thru June 30, 2010

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. If the riparian vegetation does not adequately stabilize the banks to protect existing irrigation infrastructure, additional instream structures may be proposed in the future, under a separate application.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

SMP and CAO questionnaire for Yakima County Planning

JARPA for aquatic permits

Grant application for water quality funding thru Washington Department of Ecology

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

None known

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Hydraulic Project Approval from WDFW

CAO exemption from Yakima County

Cultural Resources Consultation under Executive Order 05-05

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The proposed project will provide long term bank stability with the establishment of a healthy riparian buffer. The unnatural rate of erosion will be slowed such that native woody vegetation can become established and provide natural bank protection. The riparian buffer will be fenced and grazing within the fenced area will be managed. A hardened ford will be constructed at the current crossing site to reduce erosion and habitat degradation when accessing the pump station and the pasture on the north side of the creek.