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Skagit County Planning and Development Services
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SUBJECT: Bridge emergency in Cascade River Park

This letter is to inform the Skagit County Department of Planning and Development Services of a bridge emergency in Cascade River Park. The bridge lies across the Cascade River and is privately owned by Cascade River Community Club (CRCC). The bridge is vital to Cascade River Park providing access to two of the three park divisions on the south side of the river. The bridge connects the entire water infrastructure servicing the entire membership of CRCC.

Results of a concrete strength test of the support piers on the south end of the bridge show loss of structural strength due to age and environmentally caused spalling of the concrete surface. A contractor has been engaged and maintenance/repair is planned to prevent further degradation of the piers. CRCC has already started the permitting process required for maintenance/repair of the bridge. This includes JARPA, shoreline exemption, flood plain, and building permits. Since the remaining weather window for this work is only a few weeks, and because of the extent of damage to the piers, CRCC considers it essential to effect the maintenance/repair before another winter season. **Since completion or the permitting process may require more time, CRCC, with advice of counsel, is declaring an emergency to make the maintenance/repair as soon as possible.**

It is the intention of CRCC to fully comply and continue with the required county permitting process during and after the emergency maintenance/repair has been completed.

For the Board of Directors

John Herwick, President
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