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Deborah Knight, City Administrator
Sultan Planning Board
City of Sultan
P.O. Box 1199
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Dear Ms. Knight and Planning Board members,

We own 5 acres north and west of the end of the privately owned, graveled Walburn Road, located on the hill east of Main St. The property has one single-family home that we occupy. The property contains wetlands and a pond with no outlet. The pond has water in it approximately 9 months of the year. It is full during the rainy season (October through April most years). Whenever the Sky Valley floods we have some flooding on our property. However, our property fully contains all rain water and resulting runoff from our property and buildings. All of our stormwater percolates into the ground of our property. There is nowhere else for this water to go. No stormwater from our property flows onto anyone else's property or onto any roads. Not only does our property drain our stormwater, it drains and fully contains and percolates the stormwater from five other property sites of over 10 acres in total (plus our five), including the stormwater from severe flooding of 1996 and 2006. Craig Bruner can attest to this fact, as we have invited him to come onto our property on several occasions over the years to view our stormwater drainage issues.

We respectfully request a stormwater utility credit potential be written into the City of Sultan Credit Manual for Stormwater Fees (attachment C) because of our unique circumstances of not only containing our own stormwater, but draining and containing the stormwater from at least 5 other properties.

For possible future consideration, any suggestions in diverting other property owner's stormwater to flow away from our property would be helpful to us.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Donald A. Martinell


Suzanne L. Martinell