

NEWS RELEASE

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**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: ADAGE County Permitting Update

In response to numerous questions from the public concerning the proposed bio mass facility, the Board of County Commissioners has requested the Department of Community Development to provide additional information on the permitting process and current status of the County's involvement.

At the request of ADAGE, Inc., a preliminary application conference was held on March 10, 2010 at the Department of Public Works. Along with ADAGE representatives, other agencies in attendance included Mason County Health Department, Department of Community Development, Department of Public Works, City of Shelton, PUD #3, Port of Shelton, and the Mason County Economic Development Council. Summary meeting notes can be viewed from our website at www.co.mason.wa.us and by clicking the "permit information" link. Enter case number PAR2010-00003 to read the information.

No formal application for any permit has been received by the Department of Community Development for the proposed facility. If the County receives a permit application, a determination will be made at that time as to what additional information or action needs to be taken. General graphic representations of the planning and permit review procedure can be obtained through the Community Development link on the County's website. Copies are also available at the Permit Assistance Center, Building #3, 426 W. Cedar Street, Shelton, Washington.

It is important to remember that several county departments and state agencies may be involved in different aspects of reviewing the proposed facility. Review procedures can vary and each department or agency should be contacted directly to receive information and updates. A Notice of Construction Permit has been applied for with the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA). For information on the status of that permit, please visit ORCAA's website at www.orcaa.org.

Citizens can request to be placed on a Community Development notification list for any future hearings or comment periods by emailing Grace Miller at Gbm@co.mason.wa.us. For any additional assistance with information provided in this news release, please contact Barbara Adkins at (360) 427-9670, ext. 286 or by email at Barbara@co.mason.wa.us.

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