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MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Jorgenson

From: Jesse Winterowd, AICP, PMP, Grace Coffey AICP

Date: February 29, 2024

Re: UGB Land Exchange Tasks and Schedule

The following is a proposed project schedule for the UGB Land Exchange project with the City of Rainier, organized by tasks and subtasks, subtasks contain project deliverables. This memorandum provides the deliverables for Task 1.

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Task 4: Public Work Sessions and Hearings		August - December 2024
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