

**Comprehensive Plan Text/SJC Code\* Amendment Request**

\*San Juan County Code Titles 15, 16 & 18  
(Annual Docket)

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

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This request is for a text amendment to the Comprehensive Plan or development regulations, not a comprehensive plan map amendment. I understand that this request will be reviewed according to the County's annual docket process.

*Eva Schulte, by D. James McCubbin*

Signature



Signature

**Eva Schulte**

Printed Name

**D. James McCubbin**

Printed Name

Date

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**Please Describe the Proposed Amendments (attach additional pages if you need more space):**

- 1. Comprehensive Plan – Describe proposed amendment and/or attach proposed text changes. List Comprehensive plan section, page numbers, title and policies proposed for amendment.**

N/A

- 2. San Juan County Code Title 15, Title 16 or Title 18. Describe proposed amendment and/or attach proposed text changes. List code sections proposed for amendment.**

This proposal is to adopt Code language to prohibit new commercial power-generation facilities that use fossil fuels as a primary source of fuel, and to limit permitting for commercial power-generation facilities to only facilities using renewable energy.

A new Code section should be adopted to expressly provide that "Commercial power-generation through use of fossil fuels as a primary fuel source is prohibited in all land use designations."

A definition for "Commercial power-generation facility" in UDC section 18.20.030 should also be adopted, as follows:

"Commercial power-generation facility" means equipment or machinery that produces electricity from renewable sources to power a commercial enterprise or for distribution to recipient(s) other than the property owner. Note: commercial power-generation through use of fossil fuels as a primary fuel source is not included in this definition, and is prohibited in all land use designations.

### 3. Why is the amendment being proposed?

This proposal is proposed to prevent development of fossil-fuel power generation facilities in San Juan County. Prohibiting fossil fuel power generators is imperative for combating climate change and safeguarding the environment. These generators emit vast quantities of greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide, which significantly contribute to global warming and air pollution. Transitioning to renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydroelectric power is essential to mitigate these harmful effects. Additionally, fossil fuel extraction and combustion pose numerous environmental risks, including habitat destruction, water contamination, and adverse health effects on communities living near extraction sites. By phasing out fossil fuel power generators, we can pave the way for a cleaner, more sustainable energy future, reducing our reliance on finite resources and mitigating the devastating impacts of climate change.

### 4. How is the proposed amendment consistent with the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A), Comprehensive Plan and development regulations?

**Growth Management Act:** The proposal is consistent with the Planning Goals of the Growth Management Act, particularly for the environment (RCW §36.70A.020(10)), public facilities and services (RCW §36.70A.020(12)), and climate change and resiliency (RCW §36.70A.020(14)).

**Comprehensive Plan:** This proposal will facilitate increased local production of renewable energy while reducing impacts upon resource lands. The proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including in particular the following sections:

- 2036 VISION
  - 2036 VISION, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT: “As careful stewards of these islands and waters, we conserve resources, preserve open space, and take appropriate action to assure healthy land and marine environments. We recognize the integral role that forests play in the stewardship of our air, soils and water resources.”
  - 2036 VISION, ENERGY AND RESOURCES: “Our community strives for energy independence and zero waste. We use renewable energy, materials, and natural resources on a sustainable basis.”
- ELEMENT 2. LAND USE AND RURAL
  - 2.2.C Energy, Policy 2: “Provide opportunities for the development and use of alternative energy resources which are compatible with the natural environment.”
- ELEMENT 8. UTILITIES
  - 8.5.A General Goals and Policies, Goal 5: “Protect and preserve natural habitats and environments while also providing for the location and extension of necessary utility facilities.”
  - 8.5.B Utility-Specific Goals and Policies, Electricity Goal 6: “Minimize the environmental impacts of electricity production and use while promoting energy independence.”

**Unified Development Code:** The proposal is to change the Code, but is consistent with the overall policy goals of the Code in accordance with the Growth Management Act and Comprehensive Plan as described above.

**5. Does this proposal impact an Urban Growth Area (UGA)? Lopez Village, Eastsound and the Town of Friday Harbor are the only UGAs in the County.**

Yes, indicate UGA \_\_\_\_\_

No

**6. Does this proposal increase population or employment capacity?**

No