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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 18, 2024
TO: Medina Planning Commission
FROM: Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager
RE: Comprehensive Plan Update – Overview and **First** Review of the
Natural Environment Element

As a reminder, each city and county under the Washington State Growth Management Act (originally adopted in 1991) is required to periodically review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan to ensure compliance with the Act. The last time that Medina completed a Comprehensive Plan update was in 2015. In 2022, the eight-year comprehensive plan periodic cycle was extended to a 10-year cycle. The current comprehensive plan periodic update cycle requires that Medina complete its review and revision by **December 31, 2024**.

At this meeting, per Council's direction of April 8th, we will begin review of the Comp Plan's **Natural Environment** Element. In addition, the Development Services Committee (DSC) has already reviewed it, at its Tuesday, April 16th meeting. In the packet, you will find the revised copy of the Element. It includes **redlined** edits and notes in the margins that show all **changes** our consultant has made based on updates needed per the GAP analysis, as well as feedback from the Council and DSC.

LDC Consultant Kim Mahoney, Principal, will be in attendance along with City staff.