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Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 12:40 PM
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Further communication to SVCA on this immediate concer.
-Laurence W. Brown
Pres. SVCA BoD

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> **Date:** July 26, 2013 12:34:37 PDT
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> > Chris, I just copied you a letter I got off to Larry Brown. Neither of you satisfy my needs. I appreciate your efforts over the years, but you can't fight with one hand tied behind your back. That hand is the realtor side of you. It's past time of worrying how Sudden Valley looks to the area. It's time to fight and show the Sudden Valley community they have support and anyone who was thinking about moving into SV that they will get the same support when they are owners. That will be in their best interests. Don't kid yourself about "verbiage" in the ordinance that "may" help landowners to "minimize" the expense of regulation. There should not be any expense SV has already spent the money that should have mitigated the run off problem. How will ALL home owners around the lake, including SV owners be helped if the county runs roughshod over All of them. That's not going to reduce anyone's expense on his own land. What does an election have to do with anything? These idiots already have done their damage.

Bottom line: if they would have excluded SV, Steve Hood would have over-ruled them and included SV. Why do we need to wait to get an injunction. The extra expense forced on us has nothing to do with it, whether it's $1,000 or $25,000, it's an added cost imposed on private property owners who should be grandfathered in AND belong to an association which has mitigated this problem for decades. You know I hate that word, "unfortunate". "Tragic" is the word that should be used here. Unfortunate sounds like, "Oh well. We tried. We just need to take some time and see what happens." In the South the saying is, "God bless his little heart." I'm not willing to let the county make a decision on how much I have to pay for a mitigation plan that has already been effective. We need to show them and a court of law how effective by having water testing done. You guys fall over each other complaining about how the anti-sprawl people are inflicting themselves in your lives, but you do nothing to fight back and prevent it. I'll give it a month. When I come out in late August I'll meet with Keith, the assessor, and find out how this will affect our investment. If I'm not satisfied, I'll see Sudden Valley in my rear view mirror. I'm disgusted by the inaction on the board and the people in "power" at the county level since this idea reared its ugly head. This is the only bad investment I have made in the last 40 years, but it's a large one. I'll suck it up. But I won't pay into a situation with no hope. And I will announce it to the world. If the county wants a --- storm, I'll help to make it happen. I'm not going to lose 200k lying on my back. Marv.

From: Chris Weitzel [mailto:chrisweitzel@nwhomes.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2013 6:55 PM
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Hi Marv,

I understand your frustration more than anyone. I've been actively involved in trying to protection and promote SVCA Members property rights for years, with little if any help from others in my position/profession. I don't however believe that making our problem with the regulations a public issue, at this time, is in the best interest of the vacant property owners or SVCA Members as a Community! And, since advertising in the Sudden Valley Views is going directly to the public I would at this time also discourage using it.

The regulations as adopted do contain verbiage which encourages the SVCA as a Community to work with individual vacant land owners in an attempt to minimize the expense of the regulations. In the long run this will also help existing home owners because it is my believe that very soon the County Council will propose regulations which will make ALL CURRENT HOME OWNERS in the Lake Whatcom Water Shed put in similar systems to reduce the phosphorous from getting into the lake. This of course will not happen until the current election year has passed and those Council members who voted for the regulations are re-elected.

We need time to actually determine what effect the extra expenses will have on lot values before legal or other action should be taken. Thru this process there has been many opinions of the cost but no actual amount has been determined I will continue to work with the SVCA in an effort to minimize the negative financial burden on SVCA Members caused by the new regulations. And I would like to thank the President of the SVCA Larry Brown, for his involvement and efforts thus far. It's very unfortunate that

between the County staff and Council members both Larry and I were mislead to believe this was going to work out differently.

Respectfully,
Chris Weitzel

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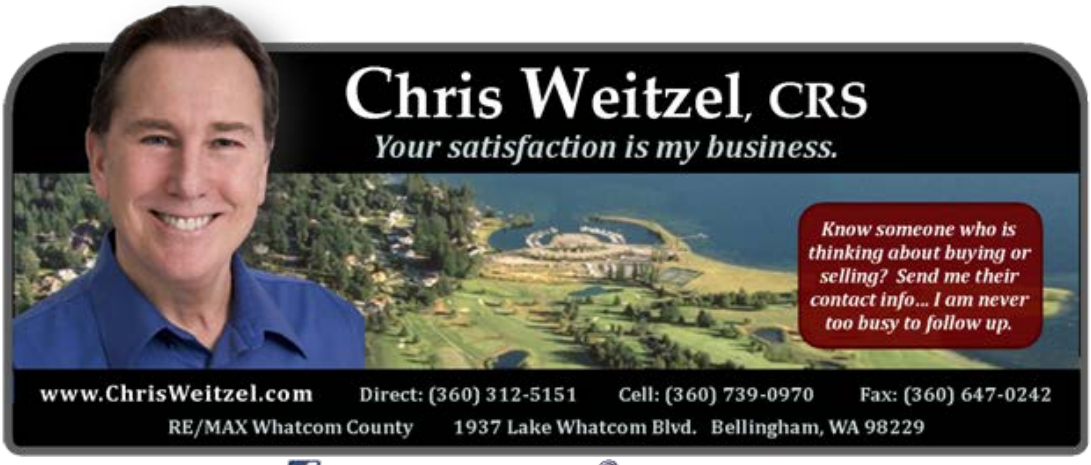

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Thanks for you letter, Marv.
The Board has been working on this issue actively since last October when I joined. Despite Councilmember Crawford's odd comment to the press, the new regulations do leave Sudden Valley lot owners some protection and flexibility. In addition, the Board is actively working on a longer term political and legal approach to this situation, which already includes several of your suggestions. If you would like to bring your concerns to the Board, please attend tonight's meeting.
-Larry Brown

On Jul 25, 2013, at 01:29 PM, Marv DeMilio <marv.demilio.b0p3@statefarm.com> wrote:

> Chris, I just wrote a letter to the editor at the Herald in lieu of the article about the ordinance in today's paper. I'm wondering if we should stop our revenue to The Sudden Valley Association to force

the BOD to do something like getting an injunction based on bad science, getting good science by hiring a certified testing firm or starting and supporting a class action suit against the county. I'm at a loss what more we can do as individuals. Everything we try falls on deaf ears. I'm about ready to dump 5 lots. I doubt if I could sell them now at any price. I know Brian Markee will dump his 30. Any idea who can send me a legal doc saying that the lots are now worthless? Sudden Valley should look into dropping there if they are paying taxes on 100 worthless lots. They are not doing the other owners any good. Marv.