

**BEFORE THE WESTERN WASHINGTON GROWTH  
MANAGEMENT HEARINGS BOARD**

MICHAEL W. CARLSON, et al.,	)	
	)	No. 97-2-0012
Petitioners,	)	
	)	COMPLIANCE
v.	)	ORDER
	)	
SAN JUAN COUNTY,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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In a series of final decision and orders (FDO) dated June 19, 1997, we addressed a number of petitions challenging the recently adopted comprehensive plan (CP) for San Juan County. In that decision we granted the County's motion to dismiss because the CP had been repealed prior to the date of the FDO. In this case we also granted a dispositive motion that the County was not in compliance with the Growth Management Act (GMA, Act) because it had not adopted a CP by January 1, 1995.

On June 15, 1998, we were notified by San Juan County that it had completed adoption of its CP, development regulations, shoreline master program, and official maps. After notice, a telephonic compliance hearing was held on July 8, 1998. During that hearing we determined that the effective date of the CP was to be subsequent to action by the State Department of Ecology with regard to the Shoreline Master Program element and amendments. No notice of adoption of the ordinance had yet been published. On July 15, 1998, we notified the County and petitioner's attorney that we would not issue an order of compliance until the ordinance became effective and notice was published.

The County finally received the necessary approvals and the CP was made effective as of December 20, 1998. Notice of adoption was published that same date.

We find that San Juan County is in compliance with the GMA as relates to the requirement that a CP be adopted. We will address all issues regarding the CP's compliance with the GMA as we

hear the several petitions filed within 60 days of the notice of adoption.

So ORDERED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1999.

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