

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

3:00 P.M.

MARCH 28, 2016

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Doc Hansen, Planning Official/Interim CDS Director; Lindsey Ozbolt, Staff Planner; Robin Estes, Oregon/Washington BLM FERC Coordinator and Project Manager; Linda Clark, BLM District Manager, Coeur d'Alene District Office; Myria Foisy, Department of Transportation; Dave Dean, Power Engineers, Project Manager/Wildlife Ecologist and 1 member of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING VANTAGE TO POMONA TRANSMISSION PROJECT CDS

At 3:00 p.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to receive an update from the Bureau of Land Management regarding the Vantage to Pomona Transmission project.

Lindsey Ozbolt, Staff Planner, gave a brief history of the work that has gone into the project over the past two years. She said if the project were to go through Kittitas County, it would require a Development Agreement and Conditional Use Permit, which the Board of County Commissioners would be making a final determination on those applications. Commissioner Jewell asked why they are meeting at this point if there was potential to be having to make a decision on the project. Ms. Ozbolt said they spoke with the Prosecutors office and they did not see any issue with providing the Board an update, as long as they disclosed it at the appropriate time if it were to come before them. They also recommended to not allow the Board to ask specific questions at this time.

Robin Estes, Oregon/Washington BLM FERC Coordinator and Project Manager reviewed a power point with information relating to the Vantage to Pomona Transmission project. She said it was a little different practice as they were trying to get the NEPA and SEPA process done at once, which had been asked by their department as well as the Governor's office for streamlining and better efficiency. Updates that were provided included milestones, participants, location, description, project alternatives, key issues and resolutions, a summary of Counties jurisdictions,

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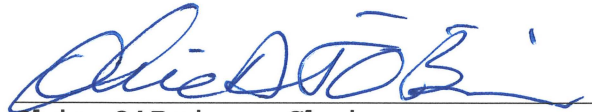
summary of County alternative preferences, identification of the environmentally preferred alternative and lead Federal Agency preferred alternatives for the FEIS.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjossvik

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Obie O'Brien, Chairman