

**KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

October 23, 2023

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright, Vice Chairman Brett Wachsmith, and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Mark Cook, Arden Thomas, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Jessica Miller, Community Development Services; Stephanie Hartung, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; 1 member of the public.

At 1:30 PM Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

No Citizen Comments.

REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHAIR SIGNATURE ON A REGIONAL FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT GROUP FEDERAL FUNDING LETTER OF SUPPORT

Arden Thomas briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the value Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group is to the County and assistance they provide to complete mutual goals. Arden Thomas requested the Boards support on Resolution 2023-181 a letter of support for federal funding. Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith motioned to approve Resolution 2023-181 and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion.

MERCER CREEK: MID-COLUMBIA FISHERIES MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND ECOLOGY FUNDING AGREEMENT

Arden Thomas briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the collaborative work that has been done on Mercer Creek in the City of Ellensburg and the on-going maintenance that is needed for flood reduction. Arden Thomas requested the Boards support to partner with Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group to secure funding through the Washington Department of Ecology. Direction to staff to bring forward enabling documents for consideration.

BROWNFIELD GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on available grant funding to identify hazards and the possibility of clean-up of sites and stated that staff currently don't have the capacity to administer. Chairman Cory Wright stated that regional planning needs to come to fruition to form a work program and begin handling some of these issues.

TOWNS TO TEANAWAY REQUEST FOR SUPPORT EXTENDING PAUL'S TRAIL

Mark Cook briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a request Public Works Department received to solicit a Statement of Qualifications for an Archeologist to conduct a Cultural Resource Study on land projected to continue the Towns to Teanaway Trail. Mark Cook stated that currently no easement exists on the land for the trail and the Cle Elum Ridge Transaction is not complete. The Board of County Commissioners agreed that the request is premature pending the final land sale and directed staff to hold off on the request.

Meeting concluded at 1:42 PM

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER:
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant



Cory Wright, Chairman