



# **KITITAS COUNTY**

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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### **STUDY SESSION MINUTES** **February 28, 2011**

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Alan Crankovich, Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell (BOCC), Kirk Holmes, Maria Fischer (PW), Patti Johnson (Solid Waste)

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Marc Kirkpatrick, Catherine Clerf, Wayne Nelson, Jill Arango

Discussion followed on removing Item #2 from the Public Works agenda. Kirk explained that the MOU with Grant County is not quite ready yet.

**ALL HAZARDS**  
**MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE:**

Kirk briefed the Board on the status of the planning process and urged them to visit the public web site which contains maps in addition to other information. Upper and Lower County Open Houses were held and were well-attended. Additional planning partnership meetings are scheduled. Projecting forward, Kirk expects to have November or December approval of the Plan by the Board, and then submit it to the State EMD and to FEMA for approval. That approval would make projects eligible for grant funds which are a 75%/25% match.

**Board Direction:**

**Keep the Board informed on the scheduling of future meetings.**

**FLOOD TASK FORCE MEMO:**

Kirk stated that the Flood Task Force Technical Advisory Group is ready to convene a Citizens' Advisory Committee. Discussion followed. Discussion followed on the possible formation of a regional agency together with Yakima County. Kirk noted that some of Kittitas County's challenges are immediate. Discussion followed on the property acquisition language. Kirk and Jill Arango spoke to the costs of repetitive losses from flooding. Discussion followed on the composition of the citizens' committee and the timeline for implementation.

**Board Direction:**

**Move forward with the creation of the Citizens' Advisory Committee which will consider the possible formation of a Flood Control Zone District.**

**FLOOD TASK FORCE SCOPE  
OF WORK:**

Kirk stated that when the Flood Task Force was formed the County contracted with the Cascade Land Conservancy to establish and coordinate the Flood Task Force. Now Kirk would like to contract with the CLC for the formation and coordination of the Citizens' Advisory Committee. There is \$25,000 available in flood funds for this work.

**Board Direction:**

**Move forward with an agreement with the Cascade Land Conservancy for this work.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.



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Kirk Holmes  
Public Works Director