

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

FRIDAY

10:00 A.M.

MARCH 13, 2015

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Holly Myers, EH Supervisor; Robin Read, PH Administrator; Erin Moore, Environmental Health Specialist I; Holly Duncan, Environmental Health Specialist II; Dan Haller, Aspect Consulting (CAC Facilitator) and 6 members of the Water Quantity Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

SPECIAL MEETING

WATER QUANTITY-CAC

COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Berndt opened a Special Meeting to receive the recommendation on the water quantities and water banking framework that the Citizens Advisory Committee was tasked with developing.

Dan Haller, Facilitator presented and reviewed a memo outlining the proposed recommendations from the Water Quantity Advisory Committee CAC. He explained that the CAC was convened by Kittitas County to provide recommendations on water related issues affecting future residents choosing to mitigate for water through the County-owned water bank, managed by the Kittitas County Public Health Department. He stated that over the past 6 months, Committee members reviewed water use data and formulated a recommendation on the quantity of water to be issued with a mitigation certificate from the future Kittitas County water bank. He stated that the Committee's recommendation consists of numeric metric for mitigation certificates, terms under which mitigation certificates should be offered, and assumptions on customer demographics. He stated that the recommendations were assembled as a majority and minority opinion. He reviewed the Majority Opinion: Numeric Standard for Mitigation Certificate "Package A" and indoor use package of approximately 275 gpd and "Package B" an outdoor use package of 500 square feet at 0.123 gpd/sq.ft=61.5 gpd, plus the indoor use package of 275 gpd. The indoor use package includes some incidental outdoor use like car washing, window cleaning etc. He reviewed the terms under which mitigation certificates should be offered as well as the

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assumptions on customer demographics and reviewed the minority opinion. He explained that the minority opinion wants the majority opinion adopted with changes. Those being Package A & B should be offered in all situations and an additional Package C should be offered with indoor use, plus a higher irrigation allowance of 1,500 sq. ft and 184.5 gpd.

The Board opened up the meeting to a roundtable discussion. There was discussion on how the formulas were determined, how enforcement would be handled and areas requiring clarification. The Board felt there were areas of the memo that required clarification and asked that a revised memo be submitted. There was discussion on the differences of the packages being offered noting that Package A is for when there is other irrigation available and Package B is for instances when no irrigation water is available for outdoor use.

Robin Read, Public Health Administrator reminded the Board that the CAC was not tasked with figuring out enforcement. She stated that PH/EH and the Board of County Commissioners need to develop the enforcement.

Commissioner Jewell questioned what the Board was comfortable with from the CAC recommendation. The stated that they were okay with Package A & B and the restrictions around them as set forth by the Committee at the offset. Commissioner O'Brien expressed concern with the use of the word "significant". The Board stated that at this time they were against option C but will keep it on file as they may have to revisit the needs. Commissioner Jewell again reviewed that the Board was okay with the majority recommendation and discussed clarifications needed to be addressed through a revised memo. He stated that Staff will need to prepare enabling documents and noted that they can address Commissioner O'Brien's concerns of the word "significant" through policy.

Commissioner Jewell moved to accept the majority opinion of the CAC and directed Staff to prepare enabling documents reflecting the following changes (underlined): Package A an indoor use package of approximately 275 gpd/house should be offered, Package A is mandatory for customers who have access to irrigation water supply for outdoor irrigation (e.g. irrigation district supply). Package B an indoor use package of approximately 275 gpd/house with an outdoor use package of 500 square feet at 25 gpd, or 300 gpd/house (averaged for the calendar year) should be offered, Package B is mandatory for

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customers who do not have access to an irrigation water supply for outdoor irrigation. Commissioner O'Brien seconded. Commissioner Jewell thanked the CAC, and Staff for their work. He stated that it hasn't been an easy task but they all stuck together to accomplish what they were tasked with. He thanked Mr. Haller for his work and for facilitating. He felt that the Board should draft thank you letters to the CAC. Chairman Berndt stated that this story is important and needs to be told so that citizens understand. Rory Savage, CAC member thanked the County Staff and the Committee. Commissioner O'Brien stated that there is a long path ahead of them yet, but commended the work done by the CAC and Staff. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Chairman Gary Berndt