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Kittitas County Community Development Services
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Sent via electronic mail to:
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RE: AU-24-00001 Baca McAfee – Notice of Application

Dear Planning Department,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on AU-24-00001. Regarding the proposed development of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) serviced by a well, we would like to express our concern regarding recent reports indicating well water shortages in the area and highlight the ongoing discussions between the city and the county.

In light of these reports and ongoing concerns about water supply, we strongly recommend that the county require comprehensive testing to verify the capacity of the well intended to serve the development. Proactive measures such as this are necessary to safeguard water resources and prevent any potential strain on the system.

By implementing thorough testing, the county can better understand the capabilities of the well and ensure that it can adequately support the additional demand created by the new development. This will not only protect the interests of the residents relying on this water source but also contribute to the overall resilience of our community's water supply.

Thank you for considering our recommendation. We believe that taking proactive measures now will help mitigate future challenges and ensure the long-term sustainability of our water resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Omans".

Robert Omans
City Administrator
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