



KITTITAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

October 20, 2014

Michael P. Nigrey
Kittitas County Prosecutors Office
Ellensburg, WA 98926

RE: Claim for Damages: Ted and Chanelle Giesy

Dear Mr. Nigrey,

I have reviewed the "Claim for Damages" submitted by Ted and Chanelle Giesy stating damage to their crawl space under their home at 710 Strange Road due to irrigation water flowing over ditch along Vantage Highway. I have researched this claim and discussed it with the Kittitas County Maintenance Manager. I am recommending denial of this claim based upon the following conclusion:

- The water was irrigation water that was diverted into the road side ditch.
- Access culverts are the responsibility of the homeowner and two (2) access culverts were plugged.
- The home is lower than the bottom of the ditch and this property has flooded in the past.
- Kittitas County Public Works was not aware of the issue until the office received a phone call and staff responded immediately. There were four crew members and four pieces of equipment on site for three (3) hours to relieve the water level.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Kirk Holmes
Director of Public Works

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