

Kittitas County Community Development Services

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

5/4/2010

ACTION REQUESTED:

Set a Public Hearing to consider revising Kittitas County Code to add a new section titled 17.61C “Community Wind Energy Systems” and to revise sections of 17.61A “Wind Farm Resource Overlay Zone.”

BACKGROUND:

Community Development Services staff and Commissioner Jewell worked with interested community members to develop a proposed Kittitas County Code amendment that will allow for Community Wind Energy Systems. Meetings took place from January, 2010 through March, 2010. Three open houses took place, with one on 4/27/2010 in Ellensburg, one on 4/28/2010 in Thorp, and one on 4/29/2010 in Cle Elum. The purpose of the public open houses was to introduce this proposal to the public, answer questions, and encourage public input and comments to be provided to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission plans to hold a public meeting on 5/11/2010 for this proposal.

Community Development Services is requesting that the Board set a public hearing for additional public review and testimony regarding this proposed code amendment.

INTERACTION:

Community Development Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to Set a Public Hearing on May 18, 2010 to consider revising Kittitas County Code to add a new section titled 17.61C “Community Wind Energy Systems” and to revise sections of 17.61A “Wind Farm Resource Overlay Zone.”

HANDLING:

Publish Notice of Public Hearing

LEAD STAFF:

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