

KITTITAS COUNTY
Community Development Services

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 18, 2010

ACTION REQUESTED: Set a Public Hearing to consider amending Kittitas County Code to add a new section titled 17.61C "Community Wind Energy Systems" and to amend 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 held a public meeting on 5/11/2010 for this proposal and will deliberate on 5/18/2010.

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 June 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kittitas Valley Event Center's Teanaway Hall, to consider amending

Kittitas County Code to add a new section titled 17.61C "Community Wind Energy Systems" and to amend sections of 17.61A "Wind Farm Resource Overlay Zone."

HANDLING:

Publish Notice of Public Hearing

ATTACHMENTS:

Notice of Public Hearing

LEAD STAFF:

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