

KITTITAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 3, 2015

ACTION REQUESTED: Sign the funds commitment letter to match the Regional Conservation Partnership Program grant proposal.

BACKGROUND: The Kittitas County Conservation District is applying for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to begin implementation of components of the Yakima Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan. The RCPP grant requires a 50% match.

This proposal focuses on elements of the Integrated Plan in the Upper Yakima Basin. Grant partners have prioritized activities to improve water use efficiency, increase access to fish habitat, and restore and protect high value habitats (instream, riparian, floodplain) associated with working agricultural lands in the Upper Yakima River

The Naneum, Wilson and Cherry Creek Watershed Assessment is eligible match for the RCPP grant. We estimate that in February 2016, the funds award date for the RCPP grant, we will have \$250,000 remaining to be spent on the project. This amount is the eligible match.

In order to be considered match, the RCPP grant application requires a signed funds commitment letter.

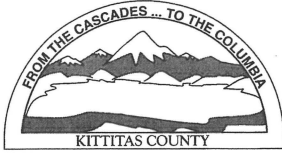
INTERACTION: Public Works / Flood Control Zone District

RECOMMENDATION: Move to approve signature of the funds commitment letter.

HANDLING: Return 1 signed original to Public Works

ATTACHMENTS: Funds Commitment Letter

LEAD STAFF: Mark Cook, Public Works Director



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Mark A. Rose, Director
Financial Assistance Programs Division
Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
P.O. Box 2890
Washington, D.C. 20013-2890

Dear Mr. Rose:

Kittitas County commits to providing matching funds to the Kittitas County Conservation District's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) grant proposal. Matching funds will be provided through the Naneum, Wilson and Cherry Creek Watershed Assessment, which is a collaborative effort to identify and prioritize projects that will increase irrigation efficiency and improve fish habitat in a watershed with high agricultural and habitat demand. Together, the Watershed Assessment and the RCPP proposal further the effort to implement the Yakima Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan in Kittitas County addressing water supply challenges and environmental needs.

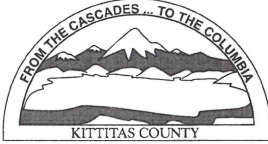
Match Type: Technical Assistance
Match Value: \$250,000

We appreciate your consideration of the Kittitas County Conservation District's proposal.

Respectfully,

Obie O'Brien, Vice Chair
Board of County Commissioners

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Match Type: Cash
Match Value: \$250,000

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Gary Berndt, Chair
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