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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 4, 2017

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Resolution to Adopt the 2037 Population and Employment and Allocation Projection for Kittitas County as Recommended by the Kittitas County Conference of Governments

BACKGROUND: Kittitas County, in its effort to update the 2006 Comprehensive Plan, is required to update its population projections as a cornerstone to justify policies, procedures and regulations designed to guide land use decisions made within the County. For almost two years the Kittitas County Conference of Governments (KCCOG) has reviewed issues related to past population distribution and anticipation of future population allocations. Through its review of the County-wide Planning Policies and discussion of population distribution, it was determined by this body that new projections of population and eventual employment should be made.

With efforts by the County staff and through contracting the professional services of private consultants with expertise in population and employment analysis, a model was developed to present to representatives of governing jurisdictions with the County to discuss and come to agreement upon population and employment projections that will exist in the County by 2037. Through multiple meetings and discussions over the past two years, KCCOG has agreed upon a projection for population and employment to the year 2037. At a March 15, 2017 meeting, the KCCOG made a unanimous decision to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners adopt these numbers and distribution as the projections that will guide the development of the 2037 Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan. These numbers are provided in the Resolution placed before you for consideration.

INTERACTION: CDS, Board of County Commissioners

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution to adopt population and employment projections to 2037

STAFF

RECOMMENDATION: CDS Planning Official recommends to the Board of County Commissioners to approve the proposed Resolution

HANLIDING: Presentation to the Board by Kittitas County Community Development Services.

RESPONSIBLE STAFF: Robert "Doc" Hansen, Planning Official