

## KITTITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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"Building Partnerships - Building Communities"

## AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** June 6, 2017

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Request to set Public Hearing for July 10, 2017 to Consider Extension of Moratorium on

Solar Projects that Qualify as Major Alternative Energy Systems

**BACKGROUND:** On January 10, 2017, the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners adopted a moratorium in

accordance with RCW 36.70A.390 for solar projects that qualify as "Major Alternative Energy Systems" as defined by Kittitas County Code. On March 9, 2017, the Board conducted a public hearing and approved the extension of the moratorium until July 10, 2017. According to RCW 36.70A.390, the moratorium may be effective for up to one year if a work plan is developed for related studies for providing for such a longer period. The moratorium may be renewed for a six-month period if a subsequent public hearing is held and findings of fact are made. Staff is requesting that the Board of Commissioners set a public hearing for July 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to consider extension of this moratorium.

**INTERACTION:** Board of Commissioners, Community Development Services

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners set the public hearing for Monday, July

10, 2017 at 6:00 in the Commissioner's Auditorium.

HANDLING: None

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

**LEAD STAFF:** Dan Carlson, AICP, Community Development Services Director