

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 7, 2014

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Rate Increase for Professional Services to Van Ness Feldman, LLC, Consultant to Kittitas County

BACKGROUND:	The County entered into the original Professional Services Agreement with the law firm of GordonDerr, LLP for planning services in 2009. GordonDerr has since changed its name to "Van Ness Feldman, LLP" and has requested that its name be changed in further agreements to "Van Ness Feldman, LLP. Van Ness Feldman, LLP also requests agreement to conflict waiver conditions which the County would agree that there is no conflict of interest in providing private and public services in Kittitas County. Such agreement will provide greater efficiency with respect to future matters related to private clients potentially adverse to matters related to other jurisdiction who they may represent. The firm also requests agreement to its hourly fees and transportation costs for listed employee services. The requested increase in fees equals approximately five dollars (\$5.00) per hour of service for each employee.
INTERACTION:	CDS, Prosecuting Attorney, Board of County Commissioners
ATTACHMENTS:	Proposed Changes to fee schedule for services provided by Van Ness Feldman, LLP
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	CDS Planning Official recommends to the Board of County Commissioners to approve the proposed Agreement
HANDLING:	Presentation to the Board by Kittitas County Community Development Services.
RESPONSIBLE STAFF:	Robert "Doc" Hansen, Planning Official