

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-140

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH THE KITTITAS COUNTY FLOOD
MITIGATION TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS: Since 1970 Kittitas County has been declared a federal disaster area eight times because of flooding, four of those events occurring since November 26, 1990; and,

WHEREAS: the total damages to public and private property from these disasters is in excess of \$25,000,000; and,

WHEREAS: the flood events of November 1995, February 1996, and January 2009 brought forth leadership in various communities indicating a strong desire that the county deal with the devastating effects of flooding; and,

WHEREAS: the Board of Kittitas County Commissioners, as a result of two public meetings held during the month of January 2009 in the communities of Cle Elum and Ellensburg has determined that a regional, comprehensive and integrated approach is required to address the issue on a county-wide basis;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners hereby states its intent to form the Kittitas County Flood Mitigation Task Force subject to the following terms and conditions:

- Kittitas County will be the Lead Agency of the Flood Mitigation Task Force. The Task Force will be composed of responsible local, state and federal agencies impacted by flooding and floodplain activities in Kittitas County, including Kittitas County Emergency Management Services.
- The purpose of the Kittitas County Flood Mitigation Task Force will be to address flood management needs within the county. The activities could include, but are not limited to, flood warning and emergency response, consistency with the principles of the National Flood Insurance Program, implementation of consistent development regulations that recognize the impacts of flooding, basin wide flood planning, and the identification, engineering, and construction of long and short-term capital projects to mitigate and/or address flooding problems.
- Development of a county-wide Status Report on current flood mitigation activities by all agencies with jurisdiction of services within county boundaries.
- Limited resources will be available during the first few years of Task Force operation. The Task Force will direct its efforts toward planning and managing activities that will protect public property, the coordination

and development of county wide comprehensive flood hazard management plans that are consistent with reducing the potential for flood damage, and demonstration projects to correct emergent flood related problems.

- Flood management initiatives to address specific private property issues are expected to be addressed by the establishment of sub zones within the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to, after receiving public comment and considering other evidence, withdraw this Resolution, modify the terms and conditions of the proposed Flood Mitigation Task Force, and/or make such other corrections or additions to this Resolution as the Board of County Commissioners deems necessary.

DATED this 20 day of, October at Ellensburg, Washington.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KIT TITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

ABSENT

Alan Crankovich, Chairman

Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman

Mark McClain, Commissioner