Guiding principles for developing a
DOMESTIC WATER RESERVE PROGRAM

Cooperators' Agreement between
KITTITAS COUNTY and the Washington State DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

WHEREAS the Department of Ecology and Kittitas County desire to develop and implement a Domestic Water Reserve Program to allow for planning and use of future domestic water reserves in Kittitas County;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties to this Cooperators' Agreement establish the following goals for developing and implementing a Domestic Water Reserve Program in Upper Kittitas County:

- To prevent harm to tributaries and senior water rights from new development that may occur in upper Kittitas County.
- To provide developers the opportunity to participate in a "mitigation credit" program in areas where senior water rights are not available to offset new groundwater pumping.
- Provide a reliable and predictable process for landowners to obtain timely water availability decisions.
- To collaborate with the Yakima River Basin stakeholders and governments in developing and implementing a Domestic Water Reserve Program.

This Cooperators' Agreement may only be amended in writing signed by both parties. Either party may terminate this Cooperators'Agreement by giving the other party thirty (30) days written notice.

SIGNATURES

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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Ted Sturdevant, Director

Date:_____

KITTITAS COUNTY

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Commissioner Paul Jewell, Chairman
Date:_____

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Commissioner Alan Crankovich, Vice-Chairman

Date:_____

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Commissioner Obie O'Brien

Date:_____