

Kittitas County Prosecutor

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

12/20/2011

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider Young Claim for Damages

BACKGROUND:

Wade and Lisa Young filed a claim for damages against Kittitas County alleging that the County's bridge, and amintenance thereof, at Cove Road was responsible for damages to their property during the May 2011 flood event.

INTERACTION:

Kittitas County engagaed Watershed Sciences & Engineering Company to analyze that section of Manashtash Creek and make recommendations and determinations as to influences, causes, and remedies regarding the May 2011 flood event. Based upon preliminary analysis, the Public Works Director wrote a letter to the Prosecutor's Office recommending denial of this claim. That letter accompanies this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

Denial of the Young claim for damages because the flooding was caused by the nature of the stream in that area and nothing about the County's bridge, or maintenance thereof, contributed to damage to the Young's property.

HANDLING:

Claim was filed with the Auditor who forwarded it to the Prosecutor's Office who in turn forwarded it to Public Works, who engaged the watershed consultant, whose preliminary analysis formed the basis of a recommendation for denial.

LEAD STAFF:

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