

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN KITTITAS COUNTY AND KITTITAS  
COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 39.34, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, provides the capability for public agencies to cooperate by providing services and facilities for mutual advantage; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the District are public agencies within the meaning of chapter 39.34 RCW;

**WHEREAS**, chapter 89.08 RCW specifically provides for the District to enter into interlocal agreements;

**WHEREAS**, the District is conducting the Manastash Creek Corridor Habitat Enhancement and Flood Hazard Reduction Plan ("the project"), that seeks to identify opportunities to improve aquatic habitat and reduce flood hazards.

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to participate and be entitled to utilize the data, summaries, and conclusions (etc.) from the project which will identify factors within Manastash Creek that limit salmonid productivity; identify opportunities to protect and restore dynamic fluvial and landscape processes that will sustain healthy salmonid populations and improve water quality; identify opportunities to reduce flood and erosion damage to private property and public infrastructure; while engaging landowners, resource managers, and others in collaborative efforts that contribute to the success of restoration and flood protection efforts;

**WHEREAS**, the County and District seek to use the outcome of this project which will be a focused strategy and a list of viable projects that can be cooperatively or separately implemented to improve aquatic habitat and reduce the impacts of flooding and erosion along Manastash Creek;

**WHEREAS**, the project is being conducted because Manastash Creek has been designated as critical habitat for the Mid-Columbia Summer Steelhead, a species listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

**WHEREAS**, the District has been actively working with the local agricultural community to improve habitat conditions and avoid or minimize potential impacts associated with agriculture practices along the lower six miles of the stream. This work is nearing an end as there is only one large fish passage barrier remaining, and it is slated for removal in the next two years.

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**WHEREAS**, the County and the District are interested in the successful conclusion of the project as it is also being undertaken because flood and erosion damage continues to adversely impact private property and public infrastructure in the Manastash watershed. For years, flood damage reduction activities have taken place in an ad hoc fashion often with little regard for potential impacts on the habitat.

**WHEREAS**, the County and the District desire the project to provide a comprehensive strategic plan which is needed to implement projects that will reduce flood and erosion damage while preserving or enhancing aquatic habitat.

**WHEREAS**, the County has funds available and the District has acquired significant funding for the project from the State of Washington Salmon Recovery Board (SRFB) and the Washington State Conservation Commission;

**WHEREAS**, the District has assembled a Technical Committee and a Landowner Committee to participate in the project;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest and in the mutual interest of the parties for the County, in return for stated consideration to the District, to participate in the project as described in the attached scope of work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that an Interlocal Agreement between Kittitas County and Kittitas County Conservation District be established for participation in the Manastash Creek Corridor Habitat Enhancement and Flood Hazard Reduction Plan.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2012.

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KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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