

Kittitas County Community Development Services

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

7/3/2012

ACTION REQUESTED:

Continued Public Hearing to consider the Swauk Wind Project Development Agreement (DA-12-01)

BACKGROUND:

On December 5, 2011 the Board of County Commissioner's approved Ordinance 2011-013 granting approval of the Swauk Wind Project outside of the wind resource overlay zone.

The Project objective is to develop a wind energy facility with a maximum of 5 wind turbines and Project support facilities necessary to generate and deliver renewable energy to point of interconnection with a nearby Puget Sound Energy local distribution line for distribution within Puget Sound Energy's Kittitas County service area.

The project is located 18511 Highway 10, Ellensburg, WA in a portion of Section 18, T19N, R17E, WM, in Kittitas County, Assessor's map numbers 19-17-18000-0001.

In accordance with KCC 17.61A.040 a wind farm may be authorized by the county only through the approval of a wind farm resource development permit in conjunction with approval by the Board of County Commissioners of a Development Agreement as authorized by KCC 15A11.

On June 19, 2012 the Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing to consider the Swauk Wind Project Development where testimony was heard. At the close of the Public Hearing the Board determined that several changes need to be made to the Development Agreement and made a motion to continue the Public Hearing to consider the recommended changes to the Development Agreement.

INTERACTION:

Kittitas County CDS staff and the Prosecutor's Office.

RECOMMENDATION:

Continue the public hearing to consider the changes to the Development Agreement and direct staff to prepare enabling documents reflecting the decision of the Board.

HANDLING:

None.

LEAD STAFF:

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