

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

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

**TO ADOPT THE FINAL ECONOMIC IMPACT COMPENSATION AND POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT AND REQUEST THEY BE INCORPORATED INTO
THE TARGETED WATERSHED PROTECTIONS AND ENHANCEMENTS
COMPONENT OF THE YAKIMA RIVER BASIN INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS: the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan (IWRMP), a plan developed by the Washington State Department of Ecology and the US Bureau of Reclamation with the involvement of many stakeholders, has a section titled Targeted Watershed Protections and Enhancements Component (TWPEC) that identifies seven preferred habitat protection and enhancement actions for the Yakima River Basin; and

WHEREAS: the habitat protection and enhancement actions identified in the TWPEC did not address probable impacts to Kittitas County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS: Kittitas County determined that an analysis of land use and economic effects of the IWRMP should be conducted that would include direct and indirect benefits and costs to Kittitas County government, businesses, and citizens; and

WHEREAS: Kittitas County hired URS Corporation in September 2011 to work with a Citizens Advisory Committee, conduct said analysis, and produce a report recommending economic mitigation funding approaches and policies; and

WHEREAS: Kittitas County formed a Citizens Advisory Committee composed of fifteen residents and interested individuals to develop recommendations related to the land use and economic impacts of the TWPEC for the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners to consider adopting; and

WHEREAS: the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners did hold a special meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2013 to consider adoption of the recommendations as described in the Final Economic Impact Compensation and Policy Recommendations report; and

WHEREAS: The report found likely negative economic impact would occur to Kittitas County and its residents as a result of implementation of the TWPEC and recommended various mitigation strategies to overcome those impacts;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners, after due deliberation and in the best interest of the public, does hereby adopt the analysis as shown in the Final Economic Impact Compensation and Policy Recommendations report, and to forward the recommendations for impact

mitigation to the Yakima River Basin Enhancement Project workgroup, requesting said recommendations be incorporated into the Target Watershed Protections and Enhancements Component of the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2013, at Ellensburg, Washington.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Paul Jewell

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Attest:

Clerk of the Board