County-Wide Flood Control Zone District
In January 2012, the BOCC passed Resolution No. 2012-001 based on the recommendations of the appointed Citizens Advisory Committee.

Resolution No. 2012-001 declares the intent of the BOCC to establish a county-wide Flood Control Zone District in accordance with RCW 86.15.
Resolution 2012-001 - Terms and Conditions

* Boundaries shall be Kittitas County including all incorporated areas.

* Initial efforts will be towards updating plans and managing activities according to the National Flood Insurance Program in 44 CFR and KCC 14.08 Flood Hazard Reduction.

* Limited resources are expected to be available during the first few years of operations of an established FCZD.
Resolution 2012-001 - Terms and Conditions

* District boundaries must be set by August 1 of any given year per RCW 84.90.030.

* County staff shall hold five public workshops in the various watersheds and basins to inform the public of the BOCC intent to form a FCZD.

* The BOCC will hold two public hearings in June to formally discuss the formation of the FCZD.
Public Meetings

February 23
Ellensburg

March 14
Cle Elum

April 25
Teanaway

May 16
Easton

June 6
Kittitas
Public Meetings

* Flooding is a public safety concern in Kittitas County.
* The frequency and scale of flooding seems to be having a greater impact.
* Active floodplain management should be a function of county government.
* A Flood Control Zone District established in Kittitas County could lower both direct and indirect flood risks, county-wide.
* Planning for water resource management is beneficial to the County.
Public Meeting Concerns

* The annual per parcel assessment recommended by the CAC does not seem fair.

* Most attendees seemed to prefer an assessment based on taxable value.

* Ensure proper planning, prioritization, and execution of capital projects.

* Annual project and operations reporting should be a function of the district.
Public Meeting Concerns

* The public is concerned about the use of the collected funds for other government purposes.

* A Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District would be a special-purpose government fund authorized under RCW 86.15 to fund flood-reduction programs and projects in Kittitas County. State law authorizes a Flood Control Zone District to collect a property tax or fee. The same State law requires that any funds collected by the district only be spent on specific planned flood-related activities and actions. It cannot be used for any other governmental purpose.
Assessment Types

* Based on annual need of $500,000.

- Per parcel annual fee
- Per owner annual fee
- Annual Taxable Value assessment
* This is the standing recommendation from the CAC.

* The annual per parcel fee would be $16.11.
Assessment

* Very similar to the per parcel fee in application, but is based on a “unique owner ID” (UID).

* There are 20,255 UOI’s in Kittitas County.

* The annual fee would be $24.68.
* The annual assessment is expected to be $0.07 to $0.08 per thousand dollars of taxable value.

* Equals $7.00 - $8.00 per $100,000 value.
Next Steps

* Public Hearing June 27- 6pm - Cle Elum, Upper District Courthouse

* Recommend keeping record open until July 10th at 5pm.

* Recommend formal action by BOCC on July 17th at 2pm during the regularly scheduled Public Hearings.