AGENDA DATE REQUESTED: August 7, 2012

ACTION: Approve A Resolution Approving A Ballot Measure Establishing A Regular Levy For The Operations And Maintenance Of The Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District

BACKGROUND: On July 17, 2012 the Board of County Commissioners for Kittitas County approved Resolution No. 2012-081 Establishing a County-Wide Flood Control Zone District For Kittitas County In Accordance With The Terms, Conditions, And Requirements of Chapter 86.15 RCW.

In approving the district, the Board of County Commissioners directed that the authorization to levy taxes on behalf of the FCZD be put before a vote of the people. In order to place this measure on the November 6, 2012 ballot, the Board of County Commissioners must adopt a budget for Fund 107 – Flood Control Fund for the fiscal year 2013. A public hearing is scheduled on August 7th to adopt a budget for Fund 107 – Flood Control Fund for the fiscal year 2013. The budget, based on recommendations from the Flood Citizens Advisory Board, indicates $500,000 to come from property taxes.

After approval of the 2013 Flood Control Fund Budget, the Board of County Commissioners must provide the County Auditor, no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2012, with a resolution for a ballot measure which sets forth the dollar amount that is being sought and a tax per $1,000 value that it will take to raise that amount.

Based on approval of the budget, the BOCC is asked to place the levy on General Election ballot of November 6, 2012. This staff report and resolution accomplish that task.

It is our recommendation that the Resolution Approving A Ballot Measure Establishing A Regular Levy For The Operations And Maintenance Of The Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District be approved and submitted to the County Auditor by 5:00 pm, on August 7, 2012.

INTERACTION: Kittitas County Auditor
Kittitas County Treasurer
Kittitas County Assessor
Kittitas County Prosecutors Office
Kittitas County Department of Public Works Finance
Kittitas County Engineer
HANDLING: Department of Public Works

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution Approving A Ballot Measure Establishing A Regular Levy For The Operations And Maintenance Of The Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District

LEAD STAFF: Kirk Holmes, Director Public Works
KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO.______

A Resolution Approving A Ballot Measure Establishing A Regular Levy For The Operations And Maintenance Of The Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District

WHEREAS, a notice was published that the Commissioners of said county would meet on the 7th day of August 2012, at the Kittitas County Courthouse for the purpose of making and adopting a budget Fund 107 – Flood Control Fund and giving taxpayers within the limits of said County an opportunity to be heard upon said budget; and

WHEREAS, the said proposed budget does not exceed the lawful limit of taxation allowed by law to be levied on the property within the County of Kittitas for the purposes set forth in said budget, and the estimated revenues and expenditures set forth in said budget being all necessary to carry on the government of Kittitas County for 2013 and being sufficient to meet the various needs of said County during said period, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners did meet at said time and place, and approved said budget with an estimate of the amount of the moneys required to meet the public expenses of the Flood Control Fund for the fiscal year January 1st through December 31st 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners directed that the authorization to levy taxes on behalf of the Flood Control Zone District be put before a vote of the people.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the ballot measure, Proposition #1 shall be added to the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot and shall read:

Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District

Resolution 2012-081 formed a countywide Flood Control Zone District that is responsible for carrying out activities to reduce reliance on general funds for flood fighting, recovery, and mitigation. The FCZD will work to lower the flood risk to public and private infrastructure through proactive floodplain management by working to prevent the creation of new flooding problems and ensuring that the existing flood protection systems are properly maintained. The FCZD will work to enhance the understanding of floodplain and river systems, through sound engineering, to provide direction on the best use of County resources and identified partnerships. This proposition authorizes the District to collect a regular property levy of $0.xx per $1000 of assessed value for a period of 7 years.
Should this Flood Control Zone District levy be approved?

YES/NO

APPROVED, this 7th day of August 2012.

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KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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