TO DECLARE A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY WIDE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT FOR KITTITAS COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 86.15 OF THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS: since 1970 Kittitas County has been declared a federal disaster area seven times because of flooding, four of those events occurring since November 26, 1990; and

WHEREAS: the total damages to public and private property from these disasters is in excess of $25,000,000; and

WHEREAS: the flood events of January 2009 and May 2011 brought forth leadership from various communities, governments, and neighborhoods in the county indicating a strong desire that the county accept leadership for mitigating the devastating effects of flooding; and

WHEREAS: the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners authorized a Citizens Advisory Committee in February of 2011 to study and analyze the feasibility of a County Wide Flood Control Zone District to best meet the needs of the citizens and businesses of Kittitas County and to insulate the general governmental duties of the county from the disastrous effects of flood damages.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby states its intent to form a County Wide Flood Control Zone District within Kittitas County subject to the following terms and conditions:

- The boundaries of the proposed Flood Control Zone District shall be the same as the boundaries of Kittitas County and shall incorporate all drainage basins in the county.

- The purpose of the Flood Control Zone District shall be to address flood management needs within the county. The activities of the district may include, but are not limited to, flood warning and emergency response, flood proofing and elevation of structures, property acquisition, implementation of consistent development regulations that address the impacts of flooding, basin wide corridor planning, and the identification, engineering, and construction of capital projects to mitigate and/or address flooding problems.

- Due to limited resources available during the first few years of district operation, the county will initially direct its efforts toward planning and managing activities that will protect public property, the coordinating and developing of county wide
comprehensive flood hazard management plans, and implementing
demonstration projects to correct emergent flood related problems.

- Flood management initiatives regarding specific public and/or private property
  issues shall be addressed through consistent application of the requirements of
  the National Flood Insurance Program and Chapter 14.08 of the Kittitas County
  Code.

- RCW 84.090.030 requires taxing district’s boundaries be established by August 1
  of the year the district wishes to levy property. Establishing the proposed
  boundaries by August 1, 2012, the BOCC must adopt a budget by November 30,
  2012 for fiscal year 2013.

- Between February 1, 2012 and July 1, 2012, county staff shall hold five public
  meetings and workshops in the various watersheds and basins to inform the
  public of the Board of County Commissioners intent to form a Flood Control
  Zone District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on
the proposed establishment of a County Wide Flood Control Zone District on June 20, 2012 at 6:00pm in
the Commissioners Auditorium and on June 27, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Upper District Courthouse in Cle
Elum to allow all interested parties to be heard with regard to the proposed creation of the district. The
Clerk of the Board shall cause notice of the public hearing to be published as required by the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to, after
receiving public comment and considering other evidence, withdraw this resolution, modify the
boundaries of the proposed Flood Control Zone District, and/or make such other corrections or additions
to this resolution as the Board of County Commissioners deems necessary to accomplish the terms and
conditions of Chapter 86.15 Revised Code of Washington.

DATED this 18th day January, 2012, at Ellensburg, Washington

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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