



EXHIBIT 3

Kittitas County CDS

Question #9. b. How is the proposed amendment consistent with the County-Wide Planning Policies for Kittitas County?

The proposed Map amendment is consistent with the County-Wide Planning Policies.

First, residential development has been increasing all throughout Kittitas County. This phenomenon is due to many factors. One main factor is that the COVID pandemic has taught companies, employees, that working from home can be the standard. This pandemic has assisted in the increase of home sales and development in Kittitas County. This issue at hand is the lack of inventory that is occurring within Kittitas County therefore proving there is an additional need for land to be placed within the Rural Residential Land designations that can be eventually developed.

Second, the road system that surrounds this area is at the appropriate levels of service. The main access to access these parcels is Hwy 10 which is under WSDOT jurisdiction. These properties contain an existing access permit with WSDOT, all in compliance with the Transportation Element of the Kittitas Countywide Planning Policies and Chapter 4 (Transportation Plan) of the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan.

Within Section 4. Transportation, of the Planning policies it states "Objective: To provide for adequate and appropriate transportation systems within the County that are coordinated with county and city comprehensive plans". This proposal is consistent with the Transportation element of the County-Wide Planning Policies.

In addition, this transportation area as planned for by the county in its transportation plan, further meets various transportation policies as contained within the Transportation element of the County-Wide Planning Policies as follows:

Policy 4.1: Transportation plans (i.e., transportation elements of comprehensive plans) shall promote the development and implementation of a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound transportation system in accordance with federal and state requirements, including the State's Growth Management Act that is responsive to the community.

Policy 4.2: Transportation plans will support the planning goals for comprehensive plans set forth in RCW 36.70A.020 and 36.70A.070(6), including promotion of economic development consistent with available resources and public services and facilities.

Policy 4.3: Transportation plans will be consistent with their respective comprehensive plans and will be compatible with the applicable components of other local and regional transportation plans (e.g., QUADCO Regional Transportation Planning Organization, bordering counties, WSDOT and local agencies).

Policy 4.5: Transportation plans and project prioritization shall be developed in active consultation with the public.

Policy 4.6: Inter-jurisdictional transportation plans shall promote a coordinated and efficient multi-modal transportation system, including alternative forms of transportation for the movement of goods and people.

Policy 4.8: Transportation improvements which are necessary to maintain the identified level of service standards shall be implemented concurrent with new development so that improvements are in place at the time of development, or that a financial commitment is provided to ensure completion of the improvements within six years.

In addition to the transportation element the proposal is consistent with the Housing element and the open space and recreation elements of the countywide planning policies as follows:

Section 5. HOUSING of the County Wide Planning policies.

Objective: To encourage the availability of affordable housing to all economic segments of the population, promote a variety of residential densities and housing types typical of the character of Kittitas County, and preserve existing, useful housing stock.

Policy 5.1: Consistent with RCW 36.70A.070(2)(c) a wide range of housing development types and densities within the county will be encouraged and promoted; including multiple-family and special needs housing, to provide affordable housing choices for all.

Section 10. OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION of the County Wide Planning policies.

Objective: To encourage the retention of open space and development of recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water, and develop parks.

Policy 10.1: Preserve open space and create recreational opportunities through the use of innovative regulatory techniques and incentives such as but not limited to: purchase of development rights, transfer of development rights, conservation easements, Public Benefit Rating System, and level of service standards.

Section 11. ENVIROMENT of the County Wide Planning policies.

Objective: To protect and enhance the County's quality of life and rural environment by safeguarding its environmental resources.

Policy 11.1: All jurisdictions shall protect critical areas through comprehensive plans and policies and develop regulations that are consistent with the adopted environmental ordinances.

Policy 11.2: Groundwater should be identified and protected, including appropriate protection of aquifer recharge areas. Supplies of potable domestic water, irrigation water, and firefighting water should be ensured in the rural, suburban, and urban areas.

Policy 11.3: Water rights are those rights defined in state law, including RCW 90.03.010 and 990.44.035, as well as those rights as defined by agreements between the State and the County.