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Kaycee Hathaway
Kittitas County Community Development
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Re: CU-14-00002

Dear Ms. Hathaway:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the optional determination of nonsignificance process for the marijuana process and production, proposed by Michael Graham. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

WATER RESOURCES

In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, industrial purposes, stock watering or for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process. Water use under the RCW 90.44.050 exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology.

There is a water right associated with the property for irrigation and stock water. All new uses of water within Kittitas County must be mitigated. Ecology encourages a pre-application meeting to discuss the options available to allow for any new uses.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact **Jacquelyn Metcalfe** at (509) 457-7148.

WATER QUALITY

Project with Potential to Discharge Off-Site

The NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit from the Washington State Department of Ecology is required if there is a potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with



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disturbed ground. This permit requires that the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit is a minimum of a 38 day process and may take up to 60 days if the original SEPA does not disclose all proposed activities.

The permit requires that Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) is prepared and implemented for all permitted construction sites. These control measures must be able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water (this includes storm drains) by stormwater runoff. Permit coverage and erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading or construction.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>. Please submit an application or contact **Ray Latham** at the Department of Ecology, (509) 575-2807, with questions about this permit.

Sincerely,



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