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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 3, 2015

ACTION REQUESTED: Request to Set Public Hearing on March 17, 2015 to Consider Amendment to Kittitas County Code 17.15.080 and 13.25.

BACKGROUND: Staff requests that a public hearing be set on March 17, 2015 to amend Kittitas County Code 17.15.080, Uses Allowed in Urban areas of the County, and to Kittitas County Code 13.25 regarding requirements for use of cisterns.

It has come to the attention of staff that airports are not allowed within the Code in Light Industrial Zones which impedes airport activities. Upon review of the Light Industrial Zoning Code staff found that the Light Industrial Code does not allow for the expansion of existing industrial uses within the airport, which is a detriment to the County and its inhabitants. Amendment to 17.15.080 is proposed to correct this situation.

Potential drought from the current weather conditions brings the need for water delivery assurance to residences. The Cascades are at 30% of normal snow pack, which concerns staff of potential water shortages within Kittitas County in the summer and autumn months of 2015. The proposed amendments to KCC 13.25 providing criteria for cisterns allows for existing residences to have assurance for access to potable water in the occurrence of a draught.

INTERACTION: CDS and the Board of County Commissioners

ATTACHMENTS: None

STAFF

RECOMMENDATION: Formal Announcement of Public Hearing on March 17, 2015 to consider amendment to the Kittitas County Code.

HANLDING: Setting of the public hearing by the Board of County Commissioners.

RESPONSIBLE STAFF: Robert "Doc" Hansen, Planning Official