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State Environmental Policy Act MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description: Kittitas County proposes to obtain a Groundwater Permit from the Washington State Department of Ecology in order to provide water budget neutral water right permits to building permit applicants that do not meet the domestic use exemption under RCW 90.44.050. The proposal includes committing up to 149.6 ac-ft/year of water (52.2 ac-ft/year consumptive) from the County's interests in the Amerivest, Williams, Roth, and Clennon Water Banks (Water Rights Agreements CS4-01676sb5d@2, CS4-01553sblla, CS3-01968sblla) to offset the consumptive water use associated with new water right permits issued.

Proponent: Kittitas County

Location: The project is located within the existing "green zones" of the Williams, Amerivest, Roth, and Clennon Water Banks. This includes land located within the Yakima Basin in the following Townships:

Township & Range Sections (all Willamette Meridian)

16-20	3-6,8-10,14-16,22-23
17-17	1,2,11-14
17-18	1-18,21-26
17-19	1-32,36
17-20	2-11,14-23,28-34
18-17	1-3,11-14,24-27,34-36
18-18	All Sections
18-19	2,3,5-11,13-36
18-20	17-21,28-34
19-14	1,2
19-15	1-6
19-16	2-6,8-11,13,14,24
19-17	15,16,19-23,25-28,33-36
19-18	26-36
20-13	1,11-14,24
20-14	7,16-23,25-29,34-36
20-15	25-28,31-36
20-16	28-34

Lead Agency: Kittitas County

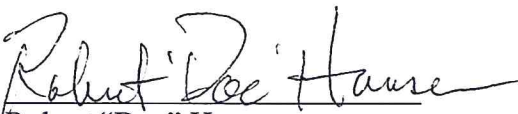
The responsible official finds this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal. This information is available to the public on request.

The lead agency has determined that certain mitigation measures are necessary in order to issue a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) for this proposal. Failure to comply with the mitigation measures identified hereafter will result in the issuance of a Determination of Significance (DS) for this project. The mitigation measures include the following:

I. Water/ Stormwater

Mitigate the potential impacts upon the Yakima River and its tributaries from future residential uses allowed in Kittitas County, and to protect identified fish species from potential water loss, the County has obtained, and will control, 149.6 acre feet per year within identified Kittitas County “green zones.”

The above stated mitigation conditions pertain to permit SE-16-00002.

Responsible Official: 
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Date: March 31, 2016.

This Mitigated DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-355 and WAC 197-11-390; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 10 working days. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge this administrative SEPA action’s procedural compliance with the provisions of Chapter 197-11 WAC shall be commenced on or before 5:00 pm, April 15, 2016.

Pursuant to KCC Title 15 & WAC 197-11 the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days. Any person, affected tribe, or agency may submit comments to the lead agency within 15 days of the date of issuance of the MDNS. The lead agency will then: retain, modify or withdraw the decision.