

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION

NO. 2012- 001

**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
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON




Alan Crankovich, Chair

ABSENT

Obie O'Brien, Vice-Chair

Paul Jewell, Commissioner

Public Notice
Kittitas County, Ellensburg WA

The Board of Kittitas County Commissioners will meet at 6:00 pm on June 20, 2012 at the Kittitas County Event Center, Manastash Room, 512 N Popular, Ellensburg, WA and at 6:00 pm on June 27, 2012 at the Upper District Court, 700 E 1st Street, Cle Elum, WA to consider the formation of a Flood Control Zone District.

More information is online at <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/notices/>.


Clerk of the Board 6/8/12

Publish: Daily Record: 6/9/12, 6/13/12
 North Kittitas County Tribune: 6/14/2012, 6/21/2012

January 18, 2012
Recommendations to the
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners
Relating to the Formation of a
County-Wide Flood Control Zone District

Summary of Recommendations:

The Citizens Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Group (members listed below) voted unanimously (*with one abstention*) to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that a **Flood Control Zone District** be formed and established immediately for Kittitas County. This memo and the attached back-up documentation, sets the basis for this recommendation for action by the Board of County Commissioners of Kittitas County.

Purpose of Flood Control Zone District:

The Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) will be formed pursuant to 86.15 RCW and will address flood management needs within Kittitas County. The activities of the district will 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 recognize the impacts of flooding, basin-wide flood planning, and the identification, engineering, and construction of capital projects to mitigate and/or address flooding problems.

Public Benefits of Flood Control Zone District:

1. Reduction in use of general fund for flood fighting and recovery
2. Reduction in individual flood insurance rates
3. Lower the flood risk to public and private infrastructure
4. Local funds to deal with local flood impacts
5. Capital improvement funding
6. Match and leverage federal and state funds
7. Coordinated responses between local, state and federal agencies
8. On-the-ground flood-fighting authority
9. Proactive flood management activities
10. Accurate flood mapping and flood frequency information
11. Provide necessary resources to existing staff for floodplain management
12. Ability to hire professional services for specific planning as needed
13. Advisory Committees (Technical and Policy) remain engaged in the process
14. Active participation in the Community Rating System required activities
15. Partner with, and leverage, existing flood control efforts
16. 7-year sunset and renewal period

Tangible Early Projects for Flood Control Zone District:

1. Update the 1998 Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan (CFHMP)
2. Create a Flood Warning system
3. Potential Future Priorities upon completion of CFHMP:
 - a. Manastash Creek Corridor Management Plan
 - b. Elk Meadows Flood Hazard Report

- c. Management Plans completed for tributaries as identified in the CFHMP

Recommendations from Citizens Committee *(Unanimous vote, with one abstention)*

1. Assessment Type

- **A flat fee assessment based on a per parcel ownership valuation**

2. Assessment Rate

- **Flat rate amount \$16.11 per parcel**
(flat fee results in ~\$500,000 per year to the FCZD)

3. Method to Establish the Flood Control Zone District

- **By resolution of the Board of County Commissioners**

Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District Citizens Advisory Committee Members:

Nancy Lillquist, Jason Smith, Mitch Williams, Kathleen Satnik, Rob Acheson, Steve Willard,
Tracy Rooney, Phil Rigdon

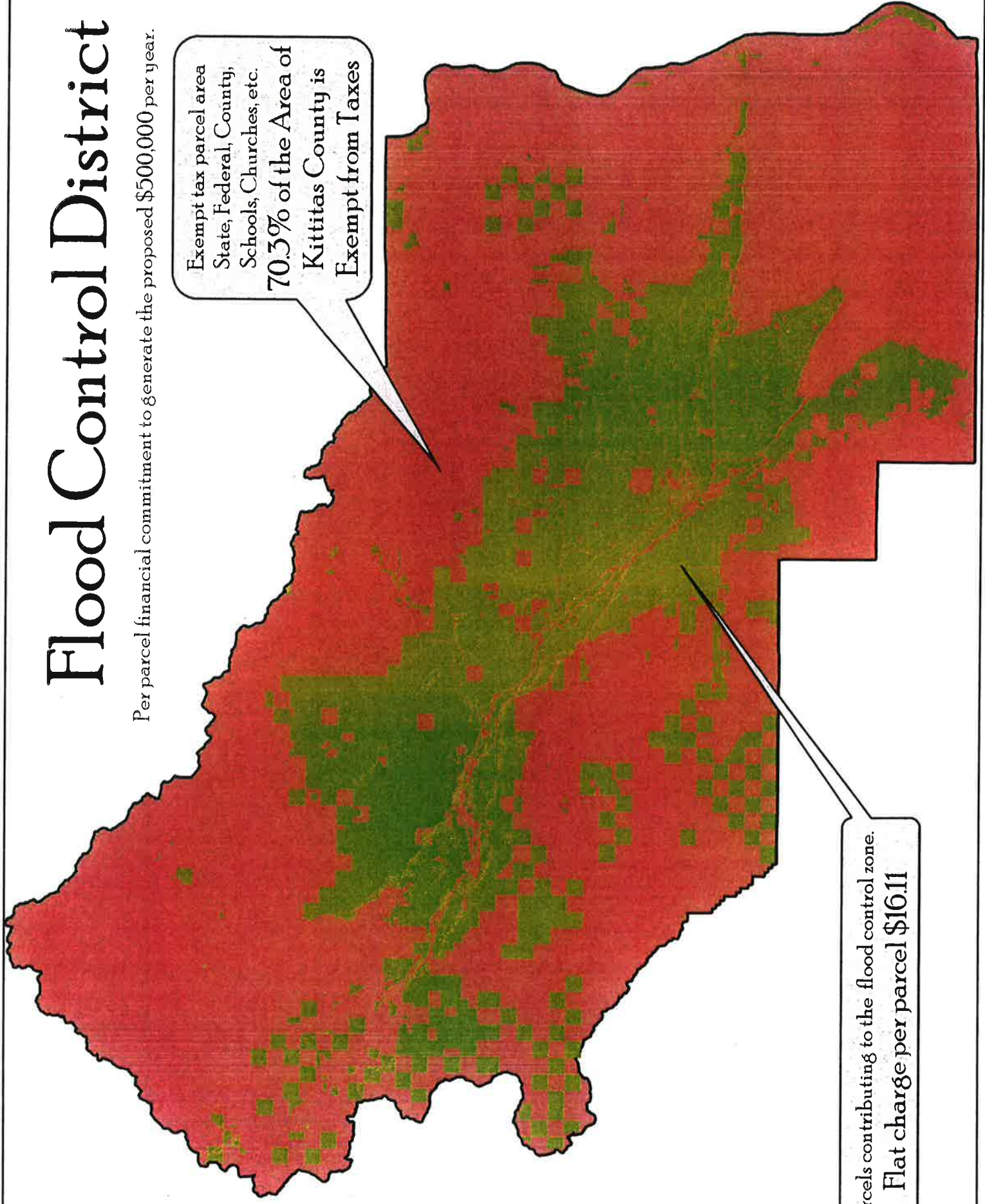
Flood Task Force Technical Advisory Committee Members:

Anna Lael, Brent Renfrow, Charlie Acheson, Jason Smith, John Akers, John Marvin, Kirk
Holmes, Marty Kaatz, Rich Elliott, Jill Arango

Flood Control District

Per parcel financial commitment to generate the proposed \$500,000 per year.

Exempt tax parcel area
State, Federal, County,
Schools, Churches, etc.
70.3% of the Area of
Kittitas County is
Exempt from Taxes



Parcels contributing to the flood control zone.
Flat charge per parcel \$16.11