

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

9/19/2017

ACTION REQUESTED:

BOCC approval of a contract with Beckwith Consulting for creation of an Upper Yakima River Access Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The lodging tax advisory committee, upon request of the public lands advisory committee, recommended allocating \$50,000 from lodging tax funds for creation of an Upper Yakima River Access Plan. The BOCC accepted the LTAC's recommendation and approved the allocation earlier this year. This contract will hire Beckwith Consulting to facilitate the process and provide the final plan for BOCC approval and adoption.

Beckwith Consulting previously assisted the county in updating the event center strategic plan and in creating the tourism infrastructure plan and the parks, recreation and open space plan. Beckwith has considerable experience in recreation planning and is well-qualified to provide this service to the county.

The contract scope of work has been presented to and discussed with the public lands advisory committee and they have approved.

INTERACTION:

BOCC Auditor

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Professional Services Contract between Beckwith Consulting and Kittitas County as presented.

HANDLING:

BOCC Auditor Beckwith Consulting

LEAD STAFF:

Paul Jewell