BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CDS DIRECTOR MEETING

Minutes

DATE: February 2, 2004
TIME: 3:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Max Golladay, Bruce Coe and Perry Huston
THOSE PRESENT: David Taylor, Allison Kimball and Catherine Dunn
OTHERS PRESENT: John Wolpers and Jim Hurson

TOPICS:
1. Legislative Issues
2. Subdivision Code Revision
3. Watershed Planning
4. Water – Exempt Wells

DISCUSSION:
1. Taylor gave a brief list of those bills in committee for the coming week. He asked the Board which bills they would wish to concentrate on. They discussed which legislators they wished to visit with when they were in Olympia at the end of the week. They decided that the WIRA bill (HB 3062) and the bill quantifying the amount of water for exempt wells (SB 6486) were the most important as none of the bills proposed by Kittitas County have dropped.

2. Taylor explained that the Planning Commission had decided to delay work on the Subdivision Code Revision and wanted to work on the Zoning Code. Huston said that he had no wish for them to address the zoning code. Taylor said that the Planning Commission had directed Planner Jan Sharar to write a letter to the Board outlining their request.

3. Discussion focused on an email from Richard Visser, WA ST Dept. of Fish and Wildlife requesting help with the Fish and Wildlife Watershed Planning process. He was requesting help with this planning in the County from CDS and KCCOG. Huston said to carry on with arranging the sessions but that he didn’t want the County to commit to anything as far as the Plan was concerned.
4. Taylor said that last year he met with John Wolpers, Jim Hurson and the Board to discuss the exempt wells. At that time, applicants were required to drill a well to prove water availability for developers. WA ST DOE said that this well would be the single well allowed to the development. The Board allowed a water report at that time to prove water availability.

Now the 5,000 gallons a day threshold for exempt wells is under discussion. Discussion followed regarding the exempt well threshold.

WA ST DOE uses the Campbell-Gwinn case as a basis for it’s opinion but that doesn’t work in the case of the pending High Valley Ranchettes plat. The developer applied for the well in the former case. In this instance, the home builders would be applying for the exempt well.

After more discussion, the Board decided that this would need more discussion at a later date.

**ACTIONS:**

1. Testimony will be written for the WIRA bill (HB 3062) and the bill quantifying the amount of water for an exempt well (SB 6486). Taylor will write the testimony for Board signature. Max Golladay will meet with Taylor Tuesday to discuss the testimony and strategies.

2. Huston told Taylor to have Sharar write the letter with the Planning Commission request and they would deal with it during their agenda session on February 17, 2003.

3. Dunn was directed to assist Mr. Visser in setting up these sessions.

4. The Board directed those at this study session get together and meet on this and bring written comments.