COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY  2:00 P.M.       MAY 7, 2009

Board members present: Chairman Alan Crankovich, Vice-Chairman Paul Jewish and Commissioner Mark McClain.

Others Present: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board, Kirk Holmes, Director of Public Works and Interim Community Development Services Director, Cathy Bambrick, Public Health Administrator, and Brent Bottoms, Deputy Prosecutor.

Also Attending: Jay Manning, Director, Department of Ecology, Tom Tebb, Director, Central Regional Office; Ken Slattery, Water Resources Program Manager; Mark Schuppe, Water Resources, Central Regional Office; Brian Faller, Department of Ecology.

Members of the Public: Mike Marvich, Jan Sharar, William Schmidt, Jeremy Bach, Deirdre Link, Catherine Clerf, Wayne Nelson and one person representing the public.

SPECIAL MEETING    DOE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT    COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Crankovich opened the special meeting to consider the Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Ecology over exempt wells. Tom Tebb thanked the lawyers for Kittitas County and the Department of Ecology on their work on the amendment of the Agreement.

Brian Faller explained to the Board proposed changes to the Memorandum of Agreement. There was discussion of various changes. He said that short plats needed to be included in the agreement.

Jay Manning asked the Board if they had a meeting of minds between them and Ecology. He said that these were hard decisions to make and the potential for disappointment later was great, but he knew that the Agreement was better than the alternative, which would be a Moratorium. He thanked the lawyers for their work and said that there needs to be an answer by the end of the month.

There was discussion on language to be placed in covenants requiring metering and other requirements of the MOA. Also discussed was the lifting of such language at the end of the ground water study. It was decided to leave the language issues to the attorneys for Ecology and Kittitas County.
Tom Tebb discussed the mitigation bank program.

Commissioner McClain moved to continue the meeting to Thursday, May 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Auditorium. Vice-Chairman Jewell seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 3:25 p.m.