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

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Anna Lael, Ron Gibb, Mark Moore and Jackie Brunson, Conservation District.

SPECIAL MEETING CONSERVATION DISTRICT UPDATE COMMISSIONERS

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman McClain opened the special meeting to receive the yearly update from Kittitas County Conservation District.

Anna Lael, District Manager, said that the District had updated the 5 year plan. She said there had been a meeting to consider the changes needed to the plan and Kirk Holmes had participated for the County. The priority actions for the next 24 months include:
- support efforts to maintain and enhance irrigation efficiencies programs, coordinate with groups currently monitoring water quality in Kittitas County,
- Construct/install fish screen and fish passage structures, participate in the TDR program,
- offer assistance to private landowners with Firewise programs and develop the Rural Service Center concept and pursue funding.

Commissioner Crankovich asked if the Conservation District was having the Firewise Program again. Ms. Lael said they would be having it. Commissioner Crankovich asked if the DNR money had dried up. She said that the Roslyn Firebreak was still being funded.

Ms. Lael explained that the Special Assessment which was approved by the Board of County Commissioners in 2007 which provides financial assistance, technical assistance, education and outreach as well as projects and administration fees. Some projects include: Flood fencing, rural Service Center concept, Upper Kittitas Ground Water Study and PSE conservation easement.

There was some discussion of the Rural Service Center.

Anna Lael explained the current work on the Manastash Creek Restoration project.
Mark Moore, Board of Supervisor Chair, said that at a meeting lately, Greg Zempel had mentioned that the Kittitas County Right to Farm ordinance needed updating.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
Catherine Dunn

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Mark McClain, Chairman