



KITTTAS COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION MINUTES November 26, 2012

THOSE PRESENT:

Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell, Kirk Holmes, Christina Wollman, Candie Leader (DPW), Mandy Weed, Anna Nelson, Jeff Watson (CDS), Holly Duncan (PH), Neil Caulkins

GUESTS PRESENT:

Lindsey Ozbolt, Anna Lael, Mark Teske

VANTAGE WIND FARM
AVIAN STUDY UPDATE:

Christina attended the meeting for the Avian Monitoring and it was decided by the committee to expand on the WDFW telemetry study on the raptors in the area and conduct nest surveys. There will be telemetry devices placed on the birds to track the flight path and if they interact with the turbines. Commissioner Jewell questioned the method of the nest survey and Christina replied that the nest is watched and they look for eggs and normal nesting activities.

Board Direction:

No Direction

C.A.V. UPDATE:

On September 15, 2011 the Community Assistance Visit took place with FEMA and the Department of Ecology (DOE). The visit is mandatory for the flood insurance program and issues that have arisen and the code are discussed. FEMA and DOE drove around the County and identified properties that are in the floodplain. They then come back to the office and request to review the permit file on the property.

Christina handed out a packet containing the report and everything in the report looks good. There are a few outstanding items that need further review and Christina will be working on them. Commissioner Jewell asked about the time frame on the completion of the review. Christina replied that she would like to have it done by the end of the year and at that time she would forward the information on to the BOCC.

Christina also added that the Hazard Mitigation Plan has been printed and presented the BOCC with a copy.

Board Direction:

No Direction

**EMERGENCY WATERSHED
UPDATE:**

Anna Lael was present to update the Board on the progress being made on the fire properties. There has been an extension on the work of June 2013. Anna is encouraging landowners to get the work completed. There will be an amendment to the original agreement as well. Commissioner Jewell asked how many landowners are participating at this time and Anna guessed around 100. Commissioner O'Brien asked if any trees were being planted and Anna replied that no trees are being planted and the name of the project is misleading. The issues that the property owners are dealing with have to be threatening homes and/or roadways. The landowners are hiring contractors to perform the work, the contractors bill the landowners and then the landowners submit the information for reimbursement to KCCD. Kirk recognized Anna and the District's hard work on this project and thinks they are doing a fantastic job. Commissioner Jewell agreed and added that they appreciate the effort being put forth and stepping up to work on the issue.

Board Direction:

No Direction



Kirk Holmes
Public Works Director