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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

CDS STUDY SESSION MINUTES

February 26, 2018 – 1:30 PM

THOSE PRESENT: Paul Jewell, Obie O'Brien (BOCC) Dan Carlson, Stephanie Mifflin, Lindsey Ozbolt
Calvana Carper (CDS) Mark Cook, Candie Leader (PW), Clay Myers (Sheriff),

GUESTS PRESENT: Joe Seemiller, John Sinclair (KVFR), Anna Lael (KCCD), Daily Record Reporter

Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) Status Update:

Ms. Lael shared that the watershed group gave approval to submit the work-plan to State Conservation Commission on March 1, 2018. There will be a 2 week public comment period. Following that period, they will then present their work plan to the State Technical Panel. Final presentation will be April 27, 2018, Implementation to begin immediately upon approval. To view drafts and comment matrixes, www.KCCD.net

Board Direction: None.

Discussion Regarding Use of Intumescent Finishes:

Mr. Carlson, CDS Director, stated that there have been requests from various Fire Districts urging the County to not allow field applied intumescent finishes as alternative means for non-combustible building materials as a requirement from WUI Code. He stated the current practice was result of past Fire Marshal interruption of the WUI Code. Mr. Flory, Building Official, explained that the WUI stated that fire retardant treated wood shall be label for exterior use and meet requirement in section 23.032 of the International Building Code. The current building code states that fire retardant treated wood is any wood product which is impregnated with chemicals via pressured process or other means during manufacturing. The building code doesn't discuss field applied intumescent paints, stains, or additives, to help meet non-combustible status or ignition resistant status. The building code further states that this practice would require additional inspections under chapter 17. Mr. Flory shared that the conditions of these special inspections would be difficult to inspect and meet standards set forth in the code. Field applied intumescent finishes have the longevity of 2-5 years based on the manufacturer and based on the conditions. The reapplication process is the critical piece that can't be verified at this point.

Mr. Sinclair stated he recommends that the county move swiftly and not allow this practice to be used moving forward. Mr. Seemiller stated that he suspected that someone in the past saw the intumescent finishes as an equivalency to fire resistant materials, which is not the case.

Board Direction: Call a meeting with the Central Washington Homebuilders Association to discuss how this practice will impact the community moving forward.

Discussion Regarding Wildland Urban Interface Map:

Mr. Carlson recommended that the county take a look at the map and take into account some of the risk factors like vegetation, irrigation, and population density. Updating the map would balance out the IR-1 rating zones.

Board Direction: Call a meeting with the builder community and hear this input regarding updating the Wildland Urban Interface Map.

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Dan Carlson, Director

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