

**KITTITAS COUNTY
CDS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5th ROOM 109
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

2:30 PM

February 9, 2026

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright, and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Absent Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Chad Bala, Jessica Miller, Gail Weyand, Community Development Services, Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy, and (1) one member of the public.

At 2:30 pm Chair Wright opened the Community Development Services Study Session.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

Request to Approve a Resolution to amend Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Professional Services Agreement for Planning Support Services to include the scope of work and budget for the Clean Energy Siting and Permitting (CESP) Grant task order, scope of work, and budget.

Director Bala spoke on the current agreement with Kimley-Horn that was approved in May of 2024 and the great job they have been doing on our periodic update and climate grants. Director Bala gave a briefing about the new Climate Energy Siting & Permitting Grant (CESP) that was received. Director Bala explained it entails environmental impact analysis (EIS) over the whole Kittitas County, siting areas for clean energy uses and manufacturing. It includes the permitting process, identifying siting areas, establishing a code we can use, and identifying our mitigation requirements. This will streamline the process when and if a clean energy manufacturing company wants to come in, we can use any information that has been

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completed through this grant. Director Bala is planning a kickoff hopefully at the end of February.

Chairman Wright asked how much the grant was. Director Bala said it was for \$790,000 with \$540,000 to Kimley-Horn and \$250,000 for staff costs. Chairman Wright asked if the community engagement part would be overlapping the current Comp Plan. Director Bala said this will be new one.

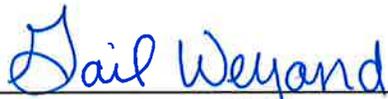
Commissioner Osiadacz made a motion to approve resolution 2026-026 to amend Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Professional Services Agreement for Planning Support Services to include the scope of work and budget for the Clean Energy Siting and Permitting (CESP) Grant task order, scope of work, and budget. Chairman Wright seconded. Discussion - Chairman Wright stated he appreciated the work done on this and recognized that it is the first one in the state to be done. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

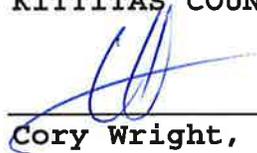
There was no other business.

Meeting concluded at 2:34 p.m.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Gail Weyand, Chief
Administator



Cory Wright, Chairman