

Kittitas County Citizen’s Advisory Committee Meeting December 10, 2014

Here is a summary of our meeting notes and action items moving forward.

Presentation on Outdoor use from WSU Extension

Tip Hudson from WSU Extension gave a presentation on lawn and landscaping water usage, evapotranspiration (ET), upper/lower county crop ET rates, water demands, etc. A copy of the presentation will be attached to the notes.

Presentation on Fire Wise from Kittitas County Fire Marshall and Kittitas County Conservation District

Suzanne Wade from Kittitas County Conservation District gave a presentation on defensible space. A copy of the presentation will be attached to the notes.

Clarify questions from the County’s water system use data presentation

Dan & Holly reviewed a follow up sheet to the presentation about analogous water systems in the county & throughout the state. The indoor and outdoor average of all presented water systems is 272 gallons per day. A copy of this sheet will be attached to the notes.

Return to target customer characteristics

The group discussed target customer characteristics. The group decided that they would like to offer a package without any outdoor irrigation and a package with some outdoor irrigation. There was much discussion about the size of outdoor irrigation area. Kittitas County Public Health staff will bring a calculator to the next meeting to help show the connection between lawn size and bank longevity, price, and total packages available.

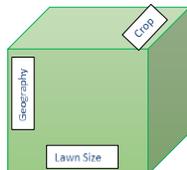
Open Discussion

During the open discussion, the group talked about:

- Compliance period would be both annually and peak month. Meters will likely be read on the order of 5 times per year. So the form of our recommendation is starting to take shapes as something like :

_____ Average Annual Volume (gallons/house)
 _____ Peak Monthly Volume (gallons/house)

- We reached a consensus that our recommendation would be in the form of “per house” rather than “per person” along with a policy clarification that the consensus was based on the bank being managed at the bank level to soften individual occupancy deviations from the average.
- We made some assumptions using a cube diagram: using lawn as the average surrogate for all crops



The topics for discussion at the next meeting will be:

- Census tract data

- Water calculations spreadsheet
- Geography (upper vs lower county or one size fits all)
- Lawn size
- Additional Water System Data
- Future meeting dates

The next meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2015 at 1:00 PM in the Kittitas County Armory Room A