

APPLICATION QUESTION 11 G.



The proposed changes in use of the subject property shall not adversely impact irrigation water deliveries to other properties.

There is an irrigation diversion facility, structures and delivery facilities, located within the Project's boundary that is located on Big Creek. Exhibit D shows the location of these facilities and Exhibit E-1 through E-7 shows photos of these facilities. Existing easements for these irrigation facilities will continue to be honored. Exhibit S shows the easements that Applicant has been able to find that affect the property and pertain to irrigation rights and facilities located within the Project site. It is the intent of the Applicant to not interfere in any way with the continued use, operation, or maintenance of the irrigation facilities. The initial development of these irrigation facilities on Big Creek used open ditches to move the water from the diversion site to the area that was being irrigated. At a point in time the delivery system was changed from open ditches to a piped irrigation deliver system. It appears that there was not a new easement established for the piped delivery system (Applicant has not been able to locate an easement through search of the records of Kittitas County). The new piped delivery system does not occupy the same rout as the original ditch delivery system. The Applicant proposes that upon approval of this Project that:

1. A new easement is established that provides for the current and operational irrigation system facilities including but not limited to the diversion structure, electrical operating facilities, fish screen and associated piping and piped delivery system.
2. The establishment of a surveyed easement for the existing maintenance road that accurately identifies said maintenance road that serves the irrigation system. This road is, in some places, within 100 feet of the high water mark of Big Creek and passes either through or on the edge of a wetland (s). It is the intent of the Applicant to close this road to motorized vehicles in an effort to protect the shoreline of Big Creek and the wetland(s)

except to those need to operate and maintain the irrigation facilities and the Project.

3. Enter into an agreement to abandon the easement for the old ditch system that is no longer used to deliver irrigation water.
4. Enter into a maintenance and operation agreement between the parties for the continued maintenance and operation of the irrigation facilities, pipe lines and roads that access said irrigation facilities.

There has been a fish ladder structure built in Big Creek near the diversion structure (see exhibits E-1, E-2 and E-5). The development plans for the Project includes the development of a park with a picnic area near this site for the viewing and enjoyment of Big Creek.

This irrigation water delivery system will be protected by the development to ensure that said distribution system is not disrupted. There may be one or more locations where the distribution system may have to be crossed by either roads or trails. Any said crossings will be designed to ensure that there is no disruption to the irrigation system and that any construction on and or over said delivery system will be done outside of the annual irrigation delivery schedule to ensure that there is no interruption to irrigation delivery to adjoining properties served by these facilities.