

Kittitas County Critical Areas Ordinance Update

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) & CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

MEETING SUMMARY AND SUMMARY OF SUBMITTED COMMENTS

For June 18, 2014 Meeting

Meeting Attendees:

CAC Members: Present: Linda Baker, John Ufkes, Paul Jewell, Kevin Eslinger, Mark Kirkpatrick, Mark Teske
Absent: Nancy Lillquist, Chad Bala, Mark Charlton, Dave Duncan, Brad Haberman, Tip Hudson, Jim Miller, Arvilla Ohlde

TAC Members: Present: Cathy Reed, Mark Teske, John Marvin

Chair & Staff: Robert "Doc" Hansen, Lindsey Ozbolt, Christina Wollman

Consultants: Anna Nelson, Margaret Clancy, Adam Merrill, Kristina Cerise

Others: Kaycee Hathaway, Stephanie Mifflin, Michelle Gilbert

Action Items from Meeting:

- Review and comment on proposed policies

Summary:

Agenda Item 2. The Basics

Adam M. explained the five critical areas, what the Best Available Science (BAS) report is, and the difference between the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). Adam stated the CAO regulations aren't drafted yet, but will be similar to the SMP critical area regulations.

Agenda Item 3. Status Update

Kristina gave a brief history on how the County has made it to this point and presented a timeline of Public Participation Process. Kristina stated the role of the CAC is to make recommendations on the CAO Regulations and Policies.

Agenda Item 4. Best Available Science (BAS) Report

Adam M. explained what can be found in the BAS Report, how the report will be used, and opportunities to change the report. Adam also explained how to navigate the BAS Report. Anna N. explained where the BAS Report can be found on the website and at the County office and stated that reading the applicable critical area chapter (topic to be discussed) prior to the upcoming meetings may be helpful.

Agenda Item 5. Policy Discussion

Kristina explained how meetings will be run and which topics will be discussed. Kristina explained the



general policies in the June 2014 Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan and explained the existing general Critical Areas Goals and Policies. Kristina briefed the group on the June 9, 2014 policy memo handout and asked for questions or comments.

John M. asked if specific goal and policies are in the BAS or will they be coming up.

Kristina stated they will be coming with each topic discussion, but that the BAS gives good direction. Kristina stated meeting materials will be handed out 10 days prior to meetings.

Anna N. suggested that members of the TAC sign up for the County email notification system and stated the general code recommendations are in the BAS, not the policies.

John M. asked if this process will develop new code or just change the existing?

Kristina stated this process will develop new code (a new Title to replace existing Title 17A).

There was discussion related to GPO 2.80 and RCW 36.70A

Paul J. stated that the County will need to clarify new uses and that expansions will be considered current uses and not regulated.

There was general discussion regarding the upcoming agendas and where appeals and procedure would fall.

Anna N. asked the group to email thoughts on agendas and any ideas on how to switch meeting topics around.

Paul J. stated the old GPO 2.81 is not appropriate, that the new 2.81 is ok, but compensating opportunities for current land owners that will be affected needs to be evaluated.

Kevin E. stated that minimizing current uses makes sense, but has concerns on how that will affect KRD.

John U. stated that RCW and specific legislative authority noted in the draft SMP was very helpful and would like to see it during this process as well.

Agenda Item 6. Next Steps

Kristina stated the next meeting is July 16th and that the location is to be determined. Kristina stated the next chapters in the BAS to review are Frequently Flooded and Critical Aquifer Recharge and that feedback to specific policies are due in a week.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Summary of Submitted Comments and Initial Responses

No written comments were submitted related to the meeting agenda items.

