



Kittitas County Critical Areas Ordinance Update

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

MEETING SUMMARY AND SUMMARY OF SUBMITTED COMMENTS

For November 19, 2014 Meeting

Meeting Attendees:

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

Chair & Staff: Robert "Doc" Hansen, Lindsey Ozbolt & Kaycee Hathaway.

Consultants: Anna Nelson, Adam Merrill, Doug McIntyre, & Margaret Clancy.

Others: Jennifer Nelson & John Marvin.

Action Items from Meeting:

- Review and comment on general provisions and definitions.
- Final review and comment on proposed policies & regulations.

Summary:

Agenda Item 1. Introductions/ Public Comment

No public comments.

Agenda Item 2. General Provisions

There was a general discussion regarding the revised policies document in relation to the General Provisions and all other chapters of the draft regulations. Doug M. described the reformatting of the policies and several new general policies.

Nancy L. Noted that in the geology policies there is no reference of alluvial fans and channel migration zones. Suggested that with regard to the exemptions there should be a policy that identifies exemptions. Noted that GPO2.106 only refers to rainfall and erosion and that other factors should be considered. Suggested consistency in regard to description of functions (e.g., frequently flooded is a list while others are not).

Staff & Consultants. There was general discussion regarding the General Provisions (e.g., administrative consistency with other county codes [i.e., SMP], understandable to the public, ability for County to review them efficiently and consistently).

General discussion about the Applicability provisions and the Naches drainage basin, and the affect the Critical Areas Ordinance is going to have on grazing and other uses in this area. Ability of County to make a finding that the State and Federal grazing requirements would meet critical area protection obligations.

General discussion about the Exemptions. Adam M. provided an overview of specific instances where you wouldn't need a permit from the County (i.e., emergency, a hazardous tree, or regular operation, maintenance and repair of existing uses).

Nancy L. Clarification of site exploration for gas or oil as an exempt activity.

Lindsey O. For site exploration, there are certain criteria that have to be met even if exempt.

General discussion about requirements for Notice on Title, and limiting Critical Area Tracts and Native Growth Protection Areas to subdivisions.

General discussion about proposed nonconforming use regulations. Currently there are non-conforming provisions in the County approved SMP and Title 17. Consider amending Title 17 regulations to include any critical area nonconforming provisions rather than having a third set of regulations.

General discussion about the CAO as an "overlay" and the review process, and about either implementing a new CAO permit or processing the reviews the same as currently processed. Follow-up discussion regarding clarifying when reports are required and criteria to waive surveys and reports.

Agenda Item 3. Definitions

General discussion regarding deletion of definitions used in the County approved SMP if they are not applicable to non-shoreline critical areas or not used in the regulations (e.g., watercourses). General clarifications of definitions (agriculture related definitions).

Agenda Item 4. Next Steps

Anna asked the group to send any additional comments to her by December 5th. Current schedule is to issue the revised critical area policies and regulations to the public around March, but the time is also related to the Department of Ecology review and approval of the SMP critical area regulations.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. (See next page for summary of submitted comments)

Summary of Submitted Comments and Initial Responses

The following is a summary of written comments submitted related to the meeting agenda items. The comments shown below are excerpts from these items that include the specific comments. Also shown are the initial responses to the comments.

No.	Name	Comment	Response
# x	Name Title/Location Date of Em/Ltr	<i>Comment shown below may be a summary or an excerpt from submitted comments.</i>	<i>Response from Consultant team</i>
1		None submitted as of December 4 th .	