

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

1:30 P.M.

JULY 2, 2019

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright; Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board II; Jesse Cox, EH Supervisor; Zac Bales, EH Specialist I; Lucy Garcia, EH Specialist I and 4 members of the public.

SPECIAL MEETING ONSITE SEPTIC RULE LANGUAGE COMMISSIONERS

At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Wright opened a Special Meeting with County Staff to discuss recommended language for onsite septic rule that the Board was briefed on during their June 20th Board of Health Meeting.

Jesse Cox, EH Supervisor gave a summary on what the State Board of Health is proposing as revisions to Chapter 246-272A WAC, On-Site Sewage Systems, with priority issues such as local management plans, property transfer sale inspections etc. He gave examples of the local impacts if this goes into effect. He stated he made some calls for additional information and the new rule language expands the existing requirements to all remaining Counties within the State without means of funding outside of local sources. He stated that the rule revision language is still open for comment until October of 2019 at which time the language could be revised based on public comment prior to adoption. He reviewed the most impactful changes to the County from the proposed changes to WAC 246-272A-0015 Local Management Plans as well as Changes to WAC 246-272A-0260 Owner Responsibilities and expected impacts with proposed language. He stated that KCPHD recommendation is that since the proposed rule language imposes significant financial commitment from local health jurisdictions, it would be reasonable to ask for State funding for implementation or to change the proposed language. He stated that Eastern Washington is not geologically or demographically the same as Puget Sound and the task requirements should acknowledge that. He stated that there is one area on the coast being impacted and that shouldn't impact everyone on the eastside of the mountain, in his opinion.

The Board asked questions and expressed their opposition to the proposal.

Commissioner Osiadacz stated that she felt other if not most Counties will be feeling the same way and that maybe they can engage

WSAC to handle this on behalf of the Counties they represent. She stated that since the Board has to get to another meeting perhaps to continue discussions for another time since the Board and members of the community are opposed to the proposed language.

Chairman Wright indicated he would like to get on record as opposed and was supportive as was Commissioner Wachsmith on obtaining assistance from WSAC.

The meeting was adjourned 1:50 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Cory Wright, Chairman