

August 18, 2009

Kittitas County Board of Commissioners
Ellensburg, Washington

RE: Partnership Rule and Tonight's Hearing

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend tonight's hearing. Thank you for extending the public comment time. Perhaps you could answer a few questions for me. I don't understand how the rights of individual property owners who have not yet applied for a building permit grandfathering their right to drill an exempt well should be able to supersede the rights of the City of Roslyn. Roslyn was established 120 years ago. Due to a failure of submitting required paperwork in a timely manner, our water right is 1908. That's still 101 years ago. Why should we have to go without any water in drought years when you are in favor of allowing present exempt well owners to use unlimited irrigation on their property? A well drilled in 2007 should not be pumping without restriction during a drought requiring the City of Roslyn to be curtailed. This does not seem at all fair. Remember first in time; first in line.

In order to have a reliable water supply, the City of Roslyn is required to purchase senior water rights, participate in stream mitigation efforts, to meter, and to be very conscientious about water laws. Why isn't everyone else held to the same standard? To the extent the present agreement accomplishes this; I am in support of it.

Please sign the agreement and uphold your responsibilities to all citizens in the county...not just the developers.

Respectfully,

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