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Headline: Attorney General Opinion

ELLENSBURG, Wash. — Kittitas County Board of Commissioners today received a copy of the Attorney General Opinion related to exempt well restrictions and moratorium imposed by the Department of Ecology.

"Today we received an opinion which took several months to draft and we will need to take a couple of days to fully evaluate. With that in mind, we have scheduled a meeting with the County Prosecutor to consider the implications of the Attorney General Opinion to determine any next step. I would certainly anticipate continued discussions over the next few weeks with the Department of Ecology in the hopes that we will be able to move forward in a way that protects individual property rights and the investments citizens have made while also respecting our environment," said Commissioner Mark McClain.

The Board of County Commissioners has scheduled an executive session to discuss the legal implications of this opinion for September 23, 2009 and will post updates on the County Web Site as they become available.

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