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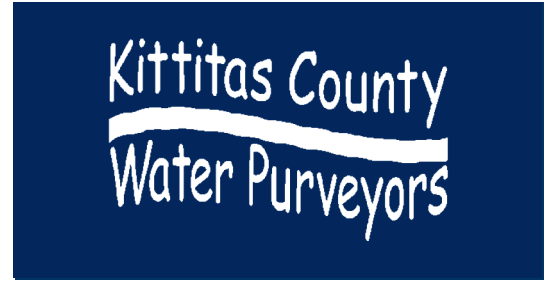
a voluntary effort

The Kittitas County Water Purveyors (KCWP) was formed in 1999 as a voluntary effort by area irrigation water providers to address issues affecting irrigated agriculture. The KCWP strive to maintain local control of irrigation water supply issues and provide a voice in local water discussions through increased general awareness and improved communications. The group participates in water quality and endangered species efforts in Kittitas County.

Members of the Kittitas County Water Purveyors include the Kittitas Reclamation District, Cascade Irrigation District, Ellensburg Water Company, West Side Irrigating Company, other irrigation entities and private water rights holders. Collectively, the members serve more than 91,000 acres, an estimated 90%, of irrigated farmland in Kittitas County.



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The KCWP recognize the importance of high quality water supplies to both agriculture and wildlife. Through coordination and cooperation, the KCWP helps irrigators maintain or improve water quality throughout Kittitas County.



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Mission

The mission of the KCWP is to foster the beneficial use of irrigation water, encourage sound water management and advocate water storage development in support of agriculture, water quality and habitat.

Objectives

1. Water Quality

Track trends in water quality and implement a water quality policy for turbidity in support of the turbidity total maximum daily load (TMDL).

2. CWA Compliance

Participate in local efforts that support Clean Water Act compliance for water purveyors and agriculture.

3. ESA Compliance

Participate in local and regional efforts that support Endangered Species Act compliance.

4. Outreach & Education

Conduct outreach and educational efforts in support of KCWP's mission.

5. Collaboration

Collaborate with irrigation entities, conservation districts and others interested in similar objectives.

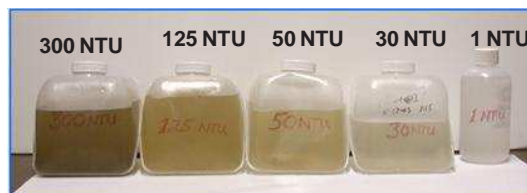


Activities

The primary activities of the KCWP are water sampling and lab analysis.

The KCWP have also participated in numerous planning and implementation activities in the Yakima River Basin, including watershed planning, water quality total maximum daily load processes for turbidity and bacteria, habitat enhancement through fish passage projects, water storage discussions and other water-related efforts.

KCWP presents informational displays, provides news articles and sponsors local events such as workshops and tours for landowners, elected representatives and agency staff.



\$ Assistance \$

KCWP offers financial assistance to landowners to install Best Management Practice (BMP) projects on their property. Most project funding comes from a Washington State Department of Ecology 319 grant. We currently offer up to 75% of the cost of the project for 319-approved BMP projects.

Other BMP projects, such as settling ponds, may also be eligible for financial assistance.

Please call Kathleen Satnik at 925-6158 for more information about this program.



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