

Benton County Planning Department

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING before the Board of County Commissioners in the matter of the Benton County Shoreline Master Program Update (SMP) in accordance with Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA) RCW 90.58, pursuant to SMP Grant Agreement No. G1200022.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public comment will be taken on the proposed Benton County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) by the Board of County Commissioners at a public hearing on June 3, 2014, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room, Third Floor, Courthouse, Prosser, WA 99350. The proposed SMP was prepared with required public participation and developed to implement the SMA (RCW 90.58). This action would replace in its entirety the Benton County Shoreline Master Program adopted April 25, 1974 by Benton County. Chapter 3 SMP goals and policies as adopted in the Shoreline Master Plan will be added to the Benton County Comprehensive Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said proposal has been reviewed under the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act as amended, along with the Environmental Checklist and other information. A Determination of Non-Significance was issued on March 21, 2014. Any comments regarding the determination and the environmental impacts of the proposal can be made at the hearing before the Board of County Commissioners at the time and place indicated above, or be made in writing to the Planning Department by 5:00 p.m., May 30, 2014.

Any information submitted to Benton County is subject to the public records disclosure law for the State of Washington (RCW Chapter 42.17) and all other applicable law that may require the release of the documents to the public.

At this hearing, the Board may approve, make changes or disapprove the Shorelines Master Plan. All parties concerned may appear and present any support or objections to the SMP. A Board of County Commissioners Hearing SMP and other information concerning the County's SMP program can be accessed via the Benton County SMP Website at www.bentoncountysmpupdate.com. The link to the "BOCC June 3rd SMP" is located on the left side of the webpage. A copy can also be obtained by contacting the Planning Department, P.O. Box 910, 1002 Dudley Avenue, Prosser, Washington 99350 or by calling 736-3086 (Tri-Cities) or 786-5612 (Prosser).

It is Benton County's policy that no qualified individual with a disability shall by reason of such disability be excluded from participation in public meetings. If you wish to use auxiliary aids or require assistance to comment at this public meeting, please contact the ADA Coordinator or the Benton County Planning Department at the above stated phone numbers and/or address no later than 48 hours prior to the date of the meeting. The Request for Reasonable Accommodation form is available online at www.co.benton.wa.us or from the Planning Department.

DATED at Prosser, Washington on this 16th day of May, 2014.

JAMES BEAVER, Chairman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MICHAEL SHUTTLEWORTH, Planning Manager

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