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Activities of the Surface Water Management Division of Yakima County Public Works

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**Summary of Presentation:**

The Surface Water Management Division has 3 main areas of responsibility:

- 1) Implementation of the Yakima Countywide Flood Control Zone District
- 2) Stormwater Management Planning for the Urbanized area of Yakima County
- 3) Yakima County's response to the Endangered Species Act, and participation in other watershed-based processes and activities.

The Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) is a taxing district which is County-wide, and was formed after the 1996 flood severely strained the resources of County and City governments due to the magnitude of damage and the high cost of response. The FCZD is primarily engaged in preparation of Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plans (CFHMPs), and "demonstration projects". We are currently amending the Upper Yakima CFHMP, near completion of the Naches CFHMP, and will soon start the Ahtanum/Wide Hollow CFHMP. Demonstration projects include the McCormick Levee project this year, and will also include several other projects over the next couple of years at Donald-Wapato, Ahtanum Creek, and West Valley Park.

Stormwater Planning includes planning in Yakima, Union Gap, a portion of Moxee, and adjacent County lands. We are currently applying for an NPDES permit for stormwater in this area, and will likely form a utility to handle stormwater in this area.

We are participating in a number of watershed programs including the 2496 Lead Entity, the 2514 Watershed Plan, and is administering the local government portions of Subbasin Planning and Salmon Recovery Planning with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Yakama Nation.

