Kittitas County Water bank
Over-the-Counter Water Mitigation Package Quantities Adjustment Proposal-
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Over the last six years the Kittitas County Water Bank has been able to provide property owners an expedited process in obtaining water mitigation through the Over the Counter (OTC) Program. During the creation of the OTC program water mitigation package quantities were predicted for 10 years based on best available information at the time.

Kittitas County sells two different mitigation packages. Package A, only available to customers with access to other outdoor irrigation, offers 275 gallons per day indoor domestic use only. Package B, only available to folks without access to outdoor irrigation, offers 275 gallons per day indoor domestic only with 25 gallons per day for outdoor use up to 500 square feet. With six years of water mitigation package sales data, we now have information that shows more package A and fewer Package B mitigation certificates are being issued than predicted (Table 1). Kittitas County would like authorization to issue more package A mitigation certificates than the 262 currently outlined in the County's large area permits, as long as the total number of package A and B permits authorized (467) is not exceeded. Since Kittitas County would be substituting Package A for Package B permits, the amount of mitigation water authorized through the OTC program would be less than the amount identified in our large area permit.

The Kittitas County Water Resources program will continue to monitor and report all mitigation certificate activity and present twice per year to the Water Transfer Working Group.

Table 1: Number and distribution of mitigation permits issued through the Kittitas County OTC Program for the Lower County Sediment and Wilson-Cherry Creek Aquifers

Aquifer	# Allowed	Permit #	Total OTC Certs Issued	A Total	B Total
Lower County Sediment	467 (262 A, 205 B)	G4-35799(D)	326	239	87
Wilson-Cherry Creeks (Bedrock)		G4-35799(E)			