

**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Weekly Agenda Meeting  
Yakima City Hall Council Chambers 129 N 2nd Street Yakima, WA 98901

2/11/2020 - Minutes

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

PRESENT: Chairman Norm Childress, Commissioner Ron Anderson, Commissioner Vicki Baker, Legal Counsel Don Anderson, Clerk of the Board Melissa Paul

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. No Board Of Yakima County Commissioners Meeting On Tuesday, February 18, 2020

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kyle Curtis and Kip Ramsey representing Cougar Den Fuel Distributing spoke regarding Resolution 45-2020 and Agreement 32-2020. A dispute has been made regarding the bid process for these items. Cougar Den Fuel Distributing is requesting the bids be re-examined.

**4. CONSENT ITEMS**

MOTION: Commissioner Baker to TABLE Consent Agenda Items Resoultion 39-2020 and Agreement 32-2020

SECOND: Commissioner Anderson

APPROVED: Unanimously

MOTION: Commissioner Baker to AMEND the previous motion to replace Resolution 39-2020 with Resolution 45-2020 as TABLED and APPROVE Resolution 39-2020 along with the rest of the Consent Agenda Items.

SECOND: Commissioner Anderson

APPROVED: Unanimously

- A. Minutes February 4, 2020
- B. Payroll Warrant Certification
- C. Ordinance 3-2020
- D. Ordinance 4-2020
- E. Resolution 39-2020
- F. Resolution 40-2020
- G. Resolution 41-2020
- H. Resolution 42-2020
- I. Resolution 43-2020

- J. Resolution 44-2020
- K. Resolution 45-2020
- L. Resolution 46-2020
- M. Resolution 47-2020
- N. Resolution 48-2020
- O. Resolution 49-2020
- P. Resolution 50-2020
- Q. Agreement 31-2020
- R. Agreement 32-2020
- S. Agreement 33-2020
- T. Agreement 34-2020
- U. Agreement 35-2020
- V. Agreement 36-2020

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Agreement 29-2020

Human Services Director Esther Magasis presented an Agreement with WizeHive for online grants management program for homeless housing and assistance.

MOTION: Commissioner Baker to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Anderson

DISCUSSION: The Board spoke in favor of this action and commended staff.

APPROVED: Unanimously

- B. Agreement 30-2020

Joel Freudenthal presented the agreement on behalf of the Yakima County Flood Control Zone District.

MOTION: Commissioner Baker to Approve

SECOND: Commissioner Anderson

DISCUSSION: The members of the Board spoke in favor of the action.

APPROVED: Unanimously

**6. PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Public Hearing To Consider System Wide Franchise

No public comment was received at the hearing or in advance by writing or other method.

The Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Commissioner Baker to move the Franchise application forward to Resolution.

SECOND: Commissioner Anderson

APPROVED: Unanimously

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. ADJOURN

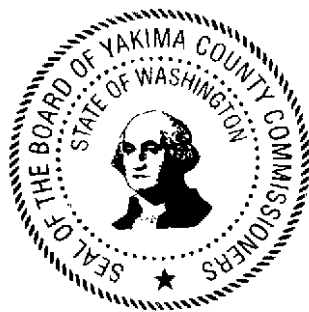
MOTION: Commissioner Baker to adjourn

SECOND Commissioner Anderson

An audio/video recording of the proceedings accompanies these minutes.

APPROVED DATE  
DATE/Minutes

FEB 25 2020



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*[Signature]*  
Norm Childress, Chairman

*[Signature]*  
Ron Anderson, Commissioner  
**EXCUSED**

Victoria L. Baker, Commissioner  
*Constituting the Board of County Commissioners  
for Yakima County, Washington*



# **Levee Reconfiguration and Floodplain Restoration in the Gap to Gap Reach of the Yakima River**

**Joel Freudenthal**  
**Yakima County Water Resources/FCZD**  
**Yakima, Washington**

# Flood, Levee & Dam History

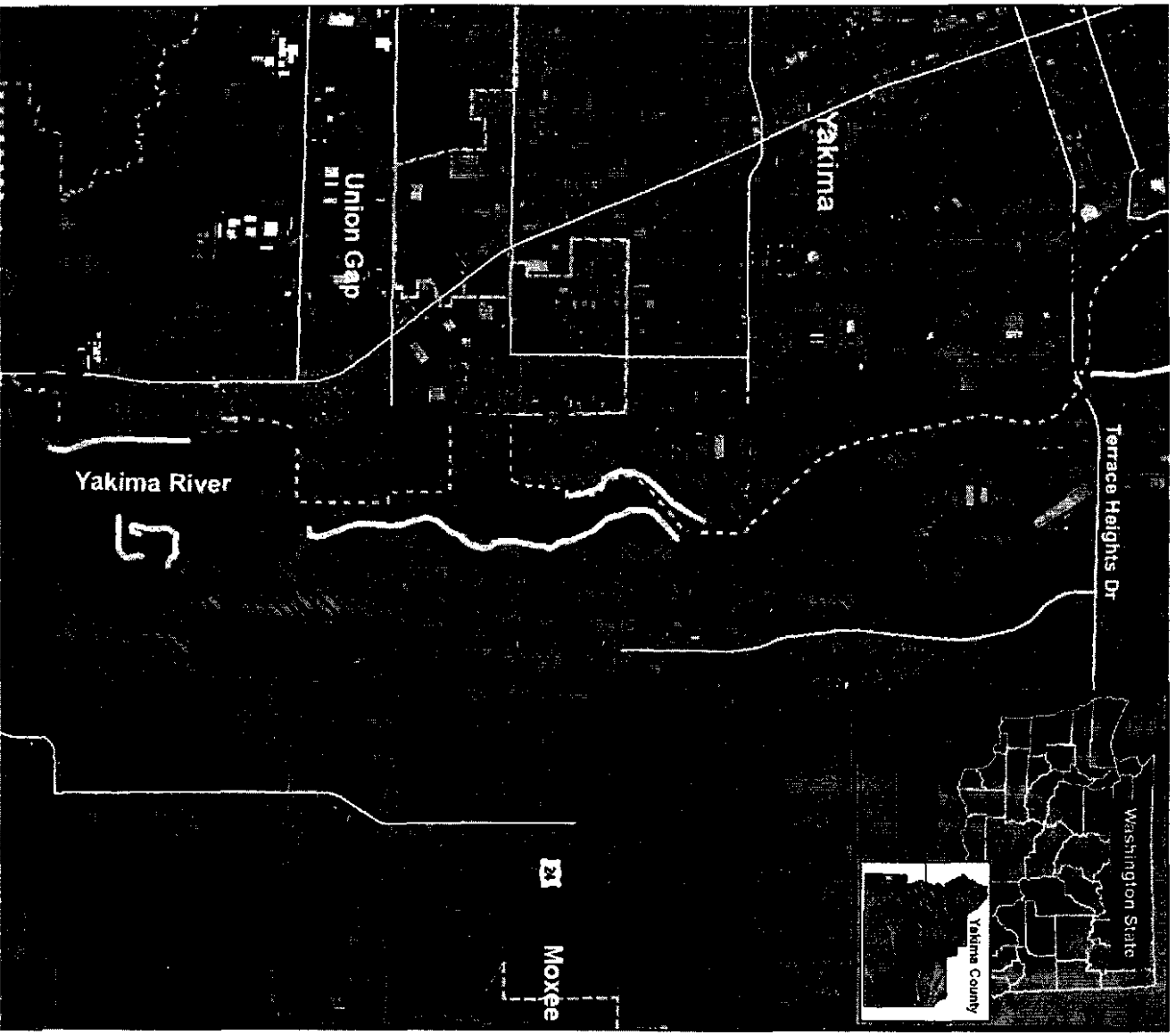
- 1906 – Largest flood of record at available gages, no dams
- 1913 – Diking District No. 1 builds first Yakima levees
- 1933 – Flood of record & damages, all BOR dams constructed
- 1947 – COE builds Federal Project Levee
- 1948 – May flood & FPL damages
- 1949 – COE repairs and redesigns damaged levee
- 1959 – Yakima builds WWTP levee –PL84-99\*
- ◆ 1972, 74, 75, 77 – large floods, multiple levees, PL 84-99
- ◆ 1974 – FEMA flood maps developed, NFIP started
- ◆ 1975 – County raises levees
- ◆ 1977 – COE flood damage reduction study - Union Gap
- ◆ 1983 – County raises & armors levees
- ◆ 1990, 93, 96, 97 – large floods, post 1994 levee raises
- ◆ 1997 Federally Authorized Project & revised FEMA mapping

\* *Levee repaired 9 times since construction*



Public  
Ownership  
Parcels are  
hatched

Orange is  
100-yr FEMA  
floodplain





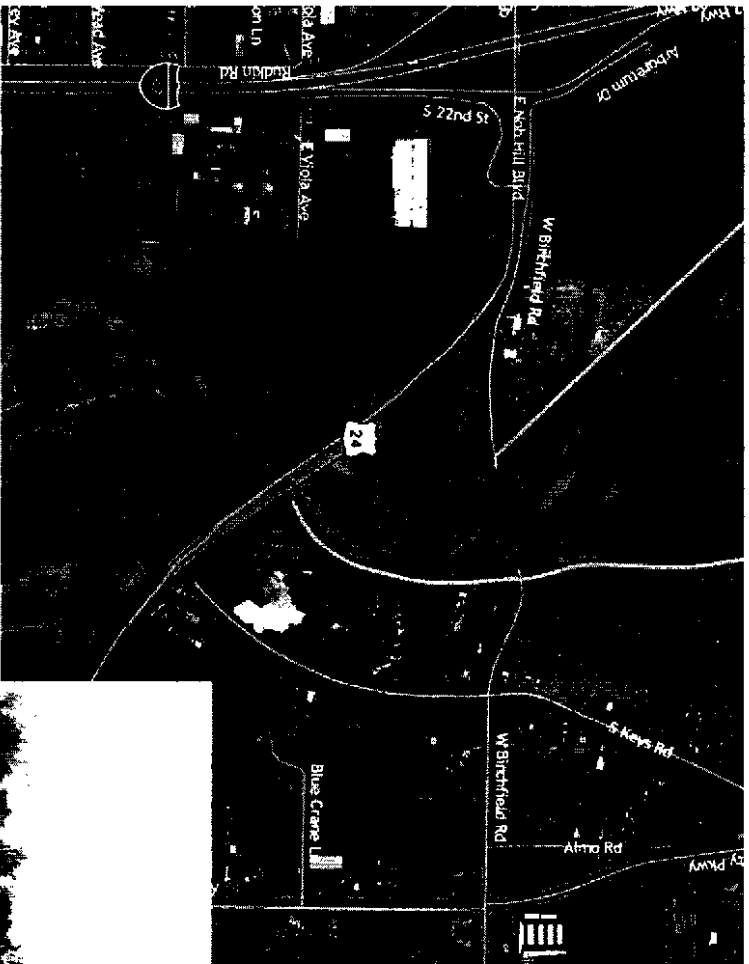
*Gap to Gap Fed levee D/s terminus February 11, 1996*



D8

City of Yakima Wastewater Treatment Plant (February 1996 Flood)

# New SR 24 Bridge



Plan View

# Yakima River

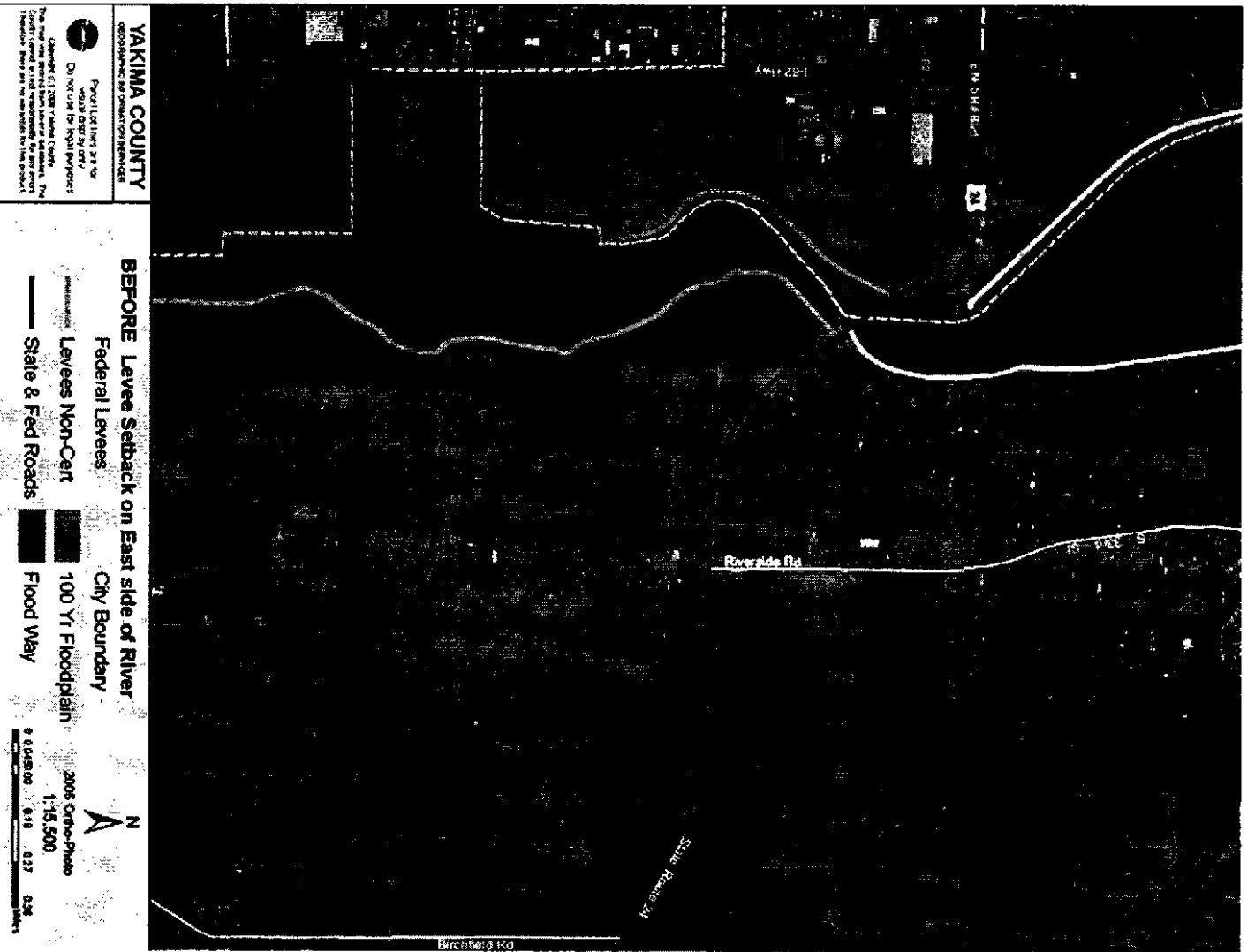


Upstream Hwy 24 Bridge

## Project Goals and Objectives

- Minimize flood risk including loss of life and damage to public and private properties from flooding, levee failure and erosion.
- Reduce future public fund expenditure on flood infrastructure management.
- Work cooperatively with private and public landowners in project implementation.
- Preserve and encourage floodplain uses that are compatible with periodic flooding.
- Improve Sediment Transport through this reach to lower the bed elevation upstream and raise the bed elevation downstream of SR 24.
- Maintain or improve water quality in the reach and prevent degradation of surface water and ground water.
- Allow the Yakima River to maintain the most “natural” fluvial processes within this reach to reduce economic and biological community impacts and enhance recreational activities.

# Levee Setback Location with Floodway and 100 Yr. Floodplain Before Setback



# Proposed Levee Setback Location

## After Levee Setback



## Local Support and Partnerships

1. City of Yakima
2. City of Union Gap
3. Yakima Greenway Foundation (Greenway)
4. Drainage Improvement District # 1 (DID #1)
5. Yakima County Public Services/Surface Water Division (Lead)
6. Central Pre-Mix
7. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
8. Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology)
9. Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
10. Washington State Parks
11. Yakama Nation (YN)
12. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
13. US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS)
14. US Bureau of Reclamation (YRBWEP)(Reclamation)

January 2009 Yakima River at WWTP Levee



Interstate 82 January 2009 Approximately 10 Yr Flood

