



WSHFC Tours Lower Yakima Valley Projects

Due to the efforts of Isabel Bedolla, of Century 21-Valley Investment Properties in Sunnyside, the Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC) held a commission meeting Sunnyside, and also offered a seminar on predatory lending and a half-day workshop highlighting programs offered through the WSHFC.

Bedolla, a WSHFC commissioner, and the Lower Yakima Valley Association of REALTORS® invited all WSHFC commissioners to the Eastern side of the state to view commission-funded facilities, and meet with area lenders, non-profits and REALTORS®.

The June 28 and 29 event included a Thursday evening reception hosted by Sandy Bos, Valley Investment Properties broker; Dan Churchill, agent and Lower Yakima Valley Association of REALTORS® board member; Bert Abrams, agent and incoming Lower Yakima Valley MLS president; and Maury Lange, Lower Yakima Valley Association of REALTORS® president. Guests included a number of local and state officials, such as State Senator Jim Honeyford, and his wife Jerri, of Sunnyside, and State Rep. Bruce Chandler of Zillah.

On Friday, Bedolla welcomed her fellow commissioners and the local real estate community to a half-day orientation and training program conducted by representatives of the commission staff. WSHFC Executive Director Kim Herman and commission staff members conducted this first-time outreach event for the Lower Yakima Valley real estate community. The program highlighted a variety of commission services and programs, including federal tax credit and tax exempt bond financing; capital project financing tools; commission financing products and services available to Washington residence through the House Key and House Key Plus programs (first-time homebuyers), Homechoice (people with disabilities) and CRA Rural Homeownership Program; and an overview of homeownership education and counseling programs.

Local associations can contact the commission to schedule similar training and orientation programs.

Since 1983, the Washington Housing Finance Commission has financed more than 71,000 housing units; supported more than 108,429 labor years of employment for approximately 282,015 full- and part-time jobs; and provided more than \$5.6 billion in economic benefit to Washington State. More information about the commission and their programs can be obtained at (800) 767-4663 or www.wshfc.org/.

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