



Critical Area General Report Requirements

Critical area reports shall be prepared by a qualified professional. The report shall use scientifically valid methods and studies in the analysis of data and field reconnaissance and reference the source of science used. The report shall evaluate the proposal and all probable impacts to critical areas found on site.

Unless otherwise provided, a report may be supplemented by or composed, in whole or in part, of any reports or studies required by other laws and regulations or previously prepared for and applicable to the development proposal site, as approved by the Planning Director. **A list of activities/uses that are exempt from this process can be found in KMC 18.58.110(3).**

At a minimum, critical area reports must contain the following (KMC 18.58.140):

- 1. Name and contact information of the applicant, description of the proposal and identification of the permit requested
- 2. Site plan containing the following elements:
 - Identified critical areas, buffers and the development proposal with dimensions
 - Limits of any areas to be cleared
 - Description of the proposed stormwater management plan for the development and consideration of impacts to drainage alterations, consistent with the current City of Kennewick Construction Standards
- 3. Names and professional qualifications of persons preparing the report
- 4. Documentation of any field work performed on site
- 5. Identification and characterization of all critical areas, wetlands, water bodies, and buffers adjacent to the proposed project area
- 6. A statement specifying the accuracy of the report, and all assumptions made and relied upon
- 7. An assessment of the probable cumulative impacts to critical areas resulting from development of the site and the proposed development
- 8. An analysis of site development alternatives
- 9. A description of reasonable efforts made to apply mitigation sequencing pursuant to Section 18.58.170 to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to critical areas
- 10. Plans for adequate mitigation, as needed, to offset any impacts, in accordance with Section 18.58.160 through 18.58.190, including, but not limited to:
 - The impacts of any proposed development within or adjacent to a critical area or buffer on the critical area
 - The impacts of any proposed alteration of a critical area or buffer on the development proposal, other properties and the environment
- 11. A discussion of the performance standards applicable to the critical area and proposed activity
- 12. Financial guarantees to ensure compliance, if applicable
- 13. Any additional information required for the specific critical area as specified in the corresponding chapter or according to KMC 18.58.