



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 10, 2001

Motion 11236

Proposed No. 2001-0307.2

Sponsors Phillips

1 A MOTION approving the work plan for the King
2 Conservation District for the year 2002.

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 WHEREAS, the King Conservation District is a governmental subdivision of the
6 state of Washington and organized under chapter 89.08 RCW to protect and conserve
7 natural resources throughout King County, and

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 WHEREAS, chapter 89.08.400 RCW authorizes the county legislative authority
9 to impose special assessments for conservation districts to implement natural resource
10 conservation programs and activities, and

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 WHEREAS, the King County council adopted Ordinance 10981 on August 16,
12 1993, authorizing an annual special assessment on all nonexempt properties located
13 throughout the district, and approving an agreement between King County and the King
14 Conservation District which remains in effect until December 31, 2003, unless rescinded
15 or modified, and

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16 WHEREAS, the agreement, adopted under Ordinance 10981, requires the King
17 Conservation District to submit annual work plans on or before June 1 of the year before
18 their effective dates, and

19 WHEREAS, the agreement requires the county council to approve or recommend
20 modifications to the work plan within two months after receiving the work plan from the
21 district or by August 1, whichever is later, and

22 WHEREAS, the work plan is considered approved as submitted if the county
23 council fails to act in accordance with the agreement, and

24 WHEREAS, the King Conservation District board of supervisors established by
25 motion on May 9, 2001, its work plan ("program of work") for the year 2002, and

26 WHEREAS, the King Conservation District submitted its "program of work" for
27 the year 2002 to the county council on June 1, 2001;

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

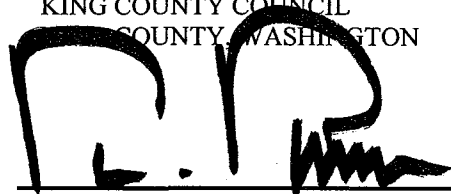
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29 The work plan for the King Conservation District for the year 2002, Attachment
30 A to this motion, is hereby approved.
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Motion 11236 was introduced on 6/11/01 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/9/01, by the following vote:

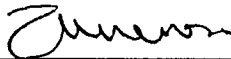
Yes: 11 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Phillips, Mr. McKenna, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague and Mr. Irons
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Mr. Pelz and Mr. Thomas

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY WASHINGTON



Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. King Conservation District - 2002 Calendar Year Program of Work, B. Addendum to King Conservation District 2002 Program Of Work

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2002 Calendar Year Program of Work

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The King Conservation District (hereafter referred to as the District) is an independent public entity authorized by state law and formed in 1949. A five-member volunteer Board of Supervisors, three of which are elected at-large throughout most of King County and two are appointed by the Washington State Conservation Commission, governs the District.

Pursuant to RCW 89.08.400, special assessments to finance the activities of a conservation district may be imposed by the county legislative authority of the county in which the conservation district is located. The District complied with the statutory requirements to hold public hearings and on July 12, 2000 the District Board of Supervisors passed a motion to transmit a resolution to the King County Council (hereafter referred to the Council) submitting a proposed system of assessment at \$5.00 per parcel on all non-exempt properties within the District. On December 15, 2000 the Council adopted Ordinance 14016 which authorized a special assessment at \$5.00 per parcel to cover the period between 2001 and 2005.

Funds received from this special assessment are allocated for the benefit of lands throughout the District's jurisdiction by action by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to RCW 89.08.220. District projects and activities promote sustainable uses of natural resources through responsible stewardship by:

- Teaching principles of conservation to landowners and the general public,
- Encouraging the development of comprehensive action plans and procedures that promote environmental quality,
- Facilitating productive relationships between individuals and environmental regulatory agencies, and/or
- Providing technical assistance to individuals and local governments on the implementation of sound conservation practices.

The District will administer a portion of the assessment funds for District activities and the remaining assessment funds will be distributed through non-competitive grant awards or conservation service contracts to member cities and watershed forums. The funds received from this special assessment during calendar year 2002 will be allocated according to the following work plan outline.

Work Plan Outline

District Projects

The Board of Supervisors will establish a wide variety of work to be performed by the District pursuant to RCW 89.08.220 (7). The annual work plan required by this section of RCW 89.08 shall be submitted to the Washington State Conservation Commission (hereafter referred to as the Commission) in accordance with the timelines established by the Commission. Principal components of the District's operation include Farm Conservation Services, Landowner Conservation Services, Government and Regional Services, Resource Education and Outreach Services, and Administrative Services. The District will continue to participate in regional efforts to recover salmon species and will continue to participate in the King County Agriculture Drainage Assistance Program. Within each category the District will do the following work:

1. Farm Conservation Services

The District will provide technical assistance and coordinate with other agencies to provide cost share assistance to farmers and livestock owners in both rural and urban areas within the District boundaries. The District will provide technical assistance for reducing water pollution from farm and livestock operations. The District will advise farmers and livestock owners of the Endangered Species Act and the vital role they have in the salmon recovery effort. The District will coordinate with government agencies, and non-profit and volunteer groups to assist farmers and livestock owners to protect, enhance and/or restore salmon habitat.

2. Landowner Conservation Services

The District will provide technical assistance and coordinate with other agencies to provide cost share assistance to individual landowners, non-profit groups, citizen action groups, schools, and businesses within the District's boundaries for natural resource protection and enhancement. Services will include, but are not limited to stream and wetland restoration/enhancement; native plant promotion; habitat conservation assistance; steep slope and erosion control best management practice implementation; and soils, mapping and sensitive site planning assistance. The District will coordinate efforts with individual landowners to protect, enhance and/or restore salmon habitat.

3. Inter-Governmental and Regional Services

The District will provide technical assistance and dedicated grant funds to member cities, King County, and regional watershed forums for natural resource protection and enhancement programs and projects. The Government and Regional Services program will include individual service agreements for member cities, King County, and watershed forums to complete projects in the area of stream and wetland

restoration/enhancement; native plant promotion; habitat conservation assistance, steep slope and erosion control BMP implementation; and soils, mapping and sensitive site planning assistance. The District will coordinate efforts with its partners to protect, enhance, and/or restore salmon habitat. The District will participate in regional planning efforts in order to give input to the community on resource management and salmon recovery issues and to identify new challenges and opportunities for the District.

4. Resource Education and Outreach

The District recognizes the demand for technical assistance is currently greater than its ability to provide, given funding constraints. Consequently, it offers education and outreach services to leverage its technical program. The District will sponsor workshops, implement demonstration projects, meet with community interest groups, and utilize other outreach tools to promote responsible stewardship of natural resources and support salmon recovery efforts.

5. Administration

Administrative services facilitate the delivery of the District's resource conservation programs through program planning, development and monitoring, and budgeting and financial management.

Work Plan Budget

This budget proposal includes only those special assessment funds to be collected during calendar year 2002. The District budget also includes short-term grants, and general and directed state and federal funding. These other funds enable the District to provide and target higher levels of investment through partnership and leveraging of funds. These other sources are not reflected in this budget. The District budget is established by the Board of Supervisors following due consideration of needs and resources.

<u>Assessment Funds</u>	
Special Assessment 2002	\$2,773,350
<u>Expenses</u>	
District Operations 2002	\$2,773,350

Assessment funds will be allocated to the King Conservation District, five regional watershed forums and member cities. Approximately four-fifths of the assessment funds will be made available to the five regional watershed forums and member cities less an estimated 3% reduction for nonpayment of taxes, a 1% County Assessor's collection fee and a 1% District fiscal administration fee. The District will hold approximately four-fifths of assessment funds available for King County watershed forums, King County and member cities in a restricted account until such time as

noncompetitive grants are developed, submitted and approved. Interest accrued on this portion of assessment funds may be used by the District to pay the King County Auditor for King County general election ballot fees associated with District Board of Supervisors elections.

1. District Strategic Plan Initiatives

The Board of Supervisors will establish a wide variety of work to be performed by the District pursuant to RCW 89.08.220. Principal components of the District's operation include Farm Conservation Services, Landowner Conservation Services, Inter-Governmental and Regional Services, Resource Education and Outreach Services, and Administrative Services.

Estimated total District Services	\$582,403
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2. Municipal Non-Competitive Grants and Inter-local Contracts

Municipal non-competitive grants will be made available to King County and to each of the incorporated cities participating as District member cities for the purpose of targeted land and water conservation and salmon recovery efforts within such jurisdictions. Applications for the non-competitive grants shall be made to the District for projects that meet the District's statutory purposes under criteria as established by the District and in consultation with the Regional Water Quality Committee of the King County Council. Such non-competitive grants shall be made available at the rate of approximately \$1.00 per parcel for each parcel contained within the applicant's jurisdiction.

The District will hold approximately one-fifth of available assessment funds for King County and member cities in a restricted account until such time as non-competitive grants are developed, submitted, and approved. Interest accrued on this portion of assessment funds may be used by the District to pay the King County Auditor for King County general election ballot fees associated with District Board of Supervisors elections.

Estimated total of municipal non-competitive grants	\$547,737
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3. Watershed Forum Non-Competitive Grants and Inter-local Contracts

Watershed forum non-competitive grants will be made available to the five King County watershed forums for the purpose of supporting projects for fish habitat, water quality, and flood protection. Applications for non-competitive grants shall be made to the District for projects that meet the District's statutory purposes under criteria as established by the District and in consultation with the Regional Water Quality Committee of the King County Council. Such non-competitive grants shall be distributed to the watershed forums through grant agreements or inter-local

agreements with King County and/or member cities participating in each forum, which shall be acting on behalf of the other governments participating within their forum.

The District shall hold approximately three-fifths of assessment funds available for watershed forums in a restricted account until such time as non-competitive grants are developed, submitted, and approved. The total allocation provided below shall be divided evenly between the five watershed forums. Interest accrued on this portion of assessment funds may be used by the District to pay the King County Auditor for King County general election ballot fees associated with District Board of Supervisors elections.

Estimated total of watershed non-competitive grants	\$1,643,210
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Work Plan Accountability

1. District Strategic Plan Initiatives

The District will submit annual status reports to the King County Council and the Regional Water Quality Committee. At a minimum, these status reports shall include the following:

A summary report of the amount of funds distributed to each forum and local municipality, how such funds are being used, and the means by which the funds have been distributed (e.g., grant contracts, inter-local agreement, etc.)

A summary discussion of assistance provided to local governments, citizens and others served by the District, including the livestock program.

2. Municipal Non-Competitive Grants and Inter-Local Contracts

Allocation of assessment funds for District approved municipal projects will be based on King County Assessor collections. Allocations will be available to King County and member cities after initial calculations of allocations have been completed.

King County and member city annual allocations will be calculated by November 30 of each year. This calculation will cover Assessor collections to date during the year with additional reconciliation by January 31 of the following year based upon additional Assessor reported collections. Reconciliation will be made thereafter quarterly as funds are received.

Projects will require biannual financial and project progress reports to the District. Biannual financial and project progress reports will be submitted to the District for review by May 31 and November 30 of each year. The second of the two project

progress reports will include an annual summary presented in narrative format to the District Board of Supervisors.

3. Watershed Forum Non-Competitive Grants and Inter-Local Contracts

Allocation of assessment funds for District approved municipal projects will be based on King County Assessor collections. Allocations will be available to watershed forums and participating members after initial calculations of allocations have been completed.

Watershed forum annual allocations will be calculated by November 30 of each year. This calculation will cover Assessor collections to date during the year with additional reconciliation by January 31 of the following year based upon additional Assessor reported collections. Reconciliation will be made thereafter quarterly as funds are received.

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**Addendum to King Conservation District 2002 Program Of Work
FARM MANAGEMENT PLANS**

On page 2 of the **King Conservation District 2002 Calendar Year Program of Work (Attachment A)**; under the first section "Farm Conservation Services", insert the following additional detail for farm conservation services / farm management plans:

Similar to the 2001 Work Plan, in 2002, the King Conservation District will complete the following specific actions:

- 75 high quality farm management plans for livestock operations located in high priority watersheds. These plans will be a combination of dairy, heifer and beef operations, as well as commercial horse boarding stables and hobby farms.
- Obtain, plan and provide state cost-share to 20 dairies for implementing large-scale manure control systems to protect water quality.
- 100 Follow-up visits to implement planned best management practices will be conducted. Monitoring of installed practices as well as county cost-sharing will be coordinated with King County Livestock Programs. The District will also assist farm operators referred to the District by King County or the state for code enforcement actions dealing with livestock and water quality.
- The District will also assist King County in implementing the Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program as negotiated between King County WLRD and the District.