



King County

Meeting Agenda

King County Flood Control District

*Boardmembers: Reagan Dunn, Chair; Sarah Perry, Vice Chair;
Claudia Balducci, Jorge L. Barón, Rod Dembowski,
Steffanie Fain, Rhonda Lewis,
Teresa Mosqueda, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

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1. Call to Order

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2. Roll Call**3. Approval of Minutes of July 14, 2026 pg. 3****4. Additions to the Agenda****5. Public Comment****Items for Final Action by the Board of Supervisors****6. FCD Resolution No. FCD2026-10 pg. 8**

A Resolution related to the operations and finances of the King County Flood Control Zone District; authorizing the expenditure of District funds for projects and activities in accordance with the 2026 Steve Bleifuhs Memorial Flood Reduction Grant Program.

Public Hearing Required

Briefings**7. FCD Briefing No. FCD2026-B06 pg. 31**

Lower Green River Corridor Draft Flood Hazard Management Plan.

Other Business**Adjournment**

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Chambers, 10th Floor,
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 p.m.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dunn, Dembowski, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

3. Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2026

Supervisor Balducci moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

4. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

*The following person spoke:
Vic Kave, Mayor, City of Pacific*

Items for Final Action by the Board of Supervisors

6. FCD Resolution No. FCD2026-09

A RESOLUTION relating to the operation and finances of the King County Flood Control Zone District; adopting a revised 2026 budget, operating budget, capital budget, six-year capital improvement program for 2026-2031; and amending Resolution FCD2026-08.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Supervisor Balducci that this FCD Resolution be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dunn, Dembowski, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

Michelle Clark, District Executive Director, briefed the Board and answered questions.

Krista Camenzind, Deputy Division Director, Department of Water and Land Resources Division, made remarks and answered questions.

Supervisor Balducci moved Striking Amendment S1.

Supervisor Dembowski made a verbal amendment to Striking Amendment S1, Attachment H, line 161, far right column, after contaminated soils, insert "or other appropriate solutions".

Voting on Striking Amendment S1, as amended, the motion carried.

7. FCD Resolution No. FCD2026-04

A RESOLUTION amending an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Seattle regarding the South Park Interim Flooding Preparedness and Response Program.

A motion was made by Supervisor Balducci that this FCD Resolution be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dunn, Dembowski, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

Michelle Clark, District Executive Director, briefed the Board and answered questions.

8. FCD Motion No. FCD26-06

A MOTION authorizing the Chair to enter into the first amendment to the contract for legal consulting services.

A motion was made by Supervisor Balducci that this FCD Motion be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dunn, Dembowski, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Perry

Michelle Clark, District Executive Director, briefed the Board and answered questions.

Briefings

9. FCD Briefing No. FCD2026-B05

2026 Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program

This matter was Presented

Michelle Clark, District Executive Director, made remarks.

The following people briefed the Board on the 2026 Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program:

Alex Lincoln, WRIA 10 Technical Advisory Group Chair

Erin Ryan-Peñuela, Salmon Recovery Manager, Snoqualmie Watershed Forum

Carrie Byron, Salmon Recovery Manager, Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8)

Suzanna Smith, WRIA 9 Habitat Projects Coordinator

10. Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 2:58 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), with no action to follow, to discuss with legal counsel representing the District litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Other Business

No other business was presented.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature



KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

FCD Resolution

Proposed No. FCD2026-10.1

Sponsors

1 A Resolution related to the operations and finances of the
2 King County Flood Control Zone District; authorizing the
3 expenditure of District funds for projects and activities in
4 accordance with the 2026 Steve Bleifuhs Memorial Flood
5 Reduction Grant Program.

6 WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control Zone District ("the District") adopts
7 an annual work program, budget, operating budget for King County, capital budget and
8 six-year capital improvement program pursuant to chapter 86.15 RCW, and

9 WHEREAS, in 2014, the District created the Steve Bleifuhs Memorial Flood
10 Reduction Grant program to provide grant funding for projects with flood reduction
11 benefits, including, but not limited to, surface water overflows, near shore flooding, lake
12 flooding due to outflow blockage, or the clearance of clogged agricultural drainage
13 systems, and

14 WHEREAS, in 2020, the District expanded the Steve Bleifuhs Memorial Flood
15 Reduction Grant program to provide grant funding for projects addressing the
16 countywide flood issues of urban streams, coastal erosion/coastal flooding, and culvert
17 replacement/fish passage restoration, and

18 WHEREAS, the District desires to continue funding projects in the Steve Bleifuhs
19 Memorial Flood Reduction Grant Program, and

20 WHEREAS, in establishing the District's 2026 budget, the District provided
21 \$14,307,228 in funding in the Steve Bleifuhs Memorial Flood Reduction Grant Program,
22 and

23 WHEREAS, a selection committee composed of the director of the water and land
24 resources division of the King County department of natural resources and parks, the
25 District's executive director and a former state representative and Enumclaw city
26 councilmember reviewed the 2026 applications for grant funds and made a unanimous
27 recommendation regarding them to the District, and

28 WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the selection committee, the board
29 of supervisors desires to approve the 2026 grant fund applications and projects;

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
31 SUPERVISORS OF THE KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT:

32 SECTION 1. The board of supervisors approves the 2026 King County Flood

- 33 Control District – Steve Bleifuhs Memorial Flood Reduction Grant Projects, described in
34 Attachment A to this resolution.

KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Reagan Dunn, Chair

ATTEST:

Russell Pethel, Clerk of the District

Attachments: A. Steve Bleifuhs Memorial Flood Reduction Grant Program - 2026 Grant
Recommendations

Attachment A - Steve Bleifuhs Memorial Flood Reduction Grant Program - 2026 Grant Recommendations

APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	GRANT CATEGORY	KC COUNCIL DISTRICT	REQUESTED AMOUNT	LEVERAGE	OFFER
Original Flood Reduction							
Algona, City of	<i>11th Avenue North Flood Reduction Property Acquisition</i>	The City of Algona proposes to acquire the flood-prone property at 58 11th Avenue North as a voluntary property acquisition identified as Project F1B in the City's June 2025 Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan. The parcel lies directly in the path of stormwater moving through an unnamed drainage ditch between 10th Avenue North and 11th Avenue North before draining toward the SR 167 ditch and Mill Creek. Acquisition will remove a repetitive flood-risk property from private ownership, allow the City to control and preserve the flow path, and create an opportunity for future flood storage, maintenance access, and floodplain restoration. The project will reduce risk to nearby residents, 11th Avenue North, and the City's drainage system.	Original Flood Reduction	7	\$359,000	\$0	\$359,000
Carnation Farms	<i>Flood Risk Reduction on the Snoqualmie River</i>	Continue drainage improvements to address flooding and erosion issues impacting both the farm and downstream properties; reduced inflow and outflow of Sykes Lake; erosion and bank stabilization along Snoqualmie River; and damaged drain tiles. We are beginning work to improve the drainage this year, and we expect the project will be a multi-year effort. Additional support is needed for labor and maintenance to ensure project success. By restoring drainage infrastructure and improving infiltration, the project will reduce overland flood flows, mitigate erosion, and protect neighboring farms and infrastructure from future flood impacts. While CF is one of the affected sites, the benefits and beneficiaries of this project go far beyond the farm itself.	Original Flood Reduction	3	\$192,760	\$0	\$75,000
Cultivate	<i>Nature-based Urban Designs</i>	Build 3-5 Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) systems of varying scales in Seattle and King County with larger scale projects being the priority. Our GSI approach will be grounded in nature-based and sponge city design principles. A team that specializes in planning, design, and project management, we aim to work with carefully chosen partners to build projects that are publicly accessible and have multiple ecological, social, and economic benefits. With these grant funds, we will bring what would otherwise be costly design services to the public as a shared amenity and necessity in today's changing climate.	Original Flood Reduction	1, 2, 4, 8	\$799,840	\$0	\$250,000

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Duvall, City of	<i>McCormick Park Slope Stabilization</i>	Duvall's McCormick Park's western boundary is located against the Snoqualmie River. This park is a critical focal point for residents of Duvall as many of our local events are held here including Summer Stage, Duvall Days, and movies. The area is prone to flooding and the western boundary is continuously eroding away from large flows, including significant loss during the recent flooding in December 2025. This project is designed to stabilize the riverbank by sloping the bank back and use native plants to amour the slope in place.	Original Flood Reduction	3	\$1,020,000	\$120,000	\$0
ECOSS	<i>Duwamish Valley Industrial Greening: ECOSS – Phase 3</i>	Address environmental inequities in South Seattle by working with partners of the Duwamish Valley Infrastructure Group (DVIG) to design and build community-centric green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) with multiple sites in different stages of development for GSI retrofitting across the Duwamish Valley. Conduct outreach and a needs assessment in the Tukwila floodplain where many immigrants live, work, and go to school. Through this project we are building public support for equitable and sustainable solutions to flooding as we meaningfully engage overburdened community members to embrace green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) in a collective understanding and <u>experience of its benefits.</u>	Original Flood Reduction	8	\$874,727	\$100,000	\$400,000
Forestbrook Homeowners Association	<i>Forestbrook Honey Dew Creek Slope Stabilization</i>	Address settlement and slope movement affecting Building H near Honey Dew Creek. The work will include slope stabilization around the affected portion of the building to reduce future erosion and saturation-related risk. Although the project is on HOA property, it is directly upstream and adjacent to the public Honey Dew Creek Trail, which feeds into May Creek, so this work will provide a broader public benefit by helping protect creek-adjacent infrastructure and reduce the potential for further slope instability or sediment impacts. Grant support would help offset project costs for HOA members while advancing a flood impact reduction improvement with community-wide benefit.	Original Flood Reduction	9	\$120,000	\$50,000	\$120,000

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Harbor West Condominium Association	<i>Harbor West Wastewater Replacement Project</i>	This 53-unit homeowners association (HOA) is replacing an outdated, decaying under-pier wastewater system. The aging pipes and sagging support brackets are increasingly vulnerable to log strikes during severe tidal and flooding events, which have caused intermittent wastewater discharges and prompted corrective action from regulatory agencies. This grant will support the design, engineering, and permitting phases required to finalize replacement options and construct a climate-resilient, marine-grade wastewater system featuring enhanced pipe shielding and an updated long-term management protocol.	Original Flood Reduction	8	\$870,000	\$430,000	\$0
Hidden Valley Property Owners Association	<i>South Fork Hamm Creek Road Stabilization</i>	Install 4x soldier pile retaining walls along Country Club Lane South to prevent continued road embankment erosion into the South Fork of Hamm Creek. This project continues work previously funded by the King County Flood District grants in 2018 and 2019, extending stabilization to remaining roadway sections that continue to threaten the creek with debris and sedimentation. Without intervention, ongoing road failure will deposit material into the South Fork Hamm Creek and ultimately the Duwamish River, worsening downstream flooding and degrading aquatic habitat. All work will be designed and permitted to minimize direct impact to the creek	Original Flood Reduction	8	\$1,200,298	\$20,952	\$0
King Conservation District	<i>KCD Agricultural Drainage Project - Phase 13</i>	Develop, implement and expand services that facilitate increased cooperator participation in King County's Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program (ADAP). ADAP and KCD have a highly successful partnership with consistent positive results in bringing farmland back into production through maintenance of agricultural waterways. With a growing list of agricultural drainage projects for the 2026 construction season (including specific outreach to non-English speaking farmers) KCD proposes an extension of funding for our partnering role with King County.	Original Flood Reduction	3, 5, 7, 9	\$350,000	\$362,515	\$350,000

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King County Water & Land Resources Division	<i>White Center Ponds Cells 2 and 3 Stormwater Retrofit</i>	Reduce downstream flooding and enhance water quality in an underserved urban area with limited stormwater controls. The project will increase stormwater storage and treatment capacity in Cells 2 and 3 of the White Center Ponds Regional Stormwater Facility by increasing pond size and creating permanent wet pools. A pre-settling vault will be added upstream of the ponds to collect sediment, trash, and total suspended solids before entering the facility. Native emergent plantings will also provide water filtration, further improving water quality before it flows to Mallard and Hicklin Lakes, while native upland plantings will provide shade and habitat. The multi-benefit facility will also enhance public safety and recreation amenities for White Center.	Original Flood Reduction	8	\$1,000,000	\$8,650,000	\$500,000
Kirkland, City of	<i>Holmes Point Drive NE Pipe Installation</i>	Provide stormwater collection and improve conveyance along Holmes Point Drive NE which currently only has one inlet for runoff collection. This inlet has repeatedly surcharged and caused flooding on the road right of way and across private property. The improved collection and conveyance system will be designed to current standards to eliminate flooding.	Original Flood Reduction	1	\$500,000	\$1,861,639	\$200,000
Lake Sawyer Community Club	<i>Hydrogeologic Assessment of Lake Sawyer Water Level Dynamics and Flood Risk Drivers</i>	Evaluate hydrologic processes controlling water levels in the Lake Sawyer watershed, focusing on groundwater-surface water interactions and their influence on seasonal flooding and summer low-water conditions, and provide the technical foundation for future flood-mitigation planning, watershed resilience improvements, and science-based watershed management decisions. Emphasis will be placed on summer low-water conditions, when lake levels decline to the outlet elevation and Covington Creek, a salmon-bearing stream, experiences reduced or dry conditions for extended periods. These conditions may affect ecological function and the system's response to fall and winter storm events. Results will support identification and evaluation of flood-reduction strategies, including improvements to lake outlet infrastructure, watershed drainage, and nature-based storage, while enhancing long-term resilience and protecting instream flows and habitat.	Original Flood Reduction	9	\$200,273	\$65,000	\$200,273

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Maple Valley, City of	<i>Cedar Downs Flood Reduction Basin Study</i>	Develop a flood reduction study for the Cedar Downs neighborhood basin that experiences systemic roadway and private property flooding issues that restrict access to homes, cause significant damage, demand excess public works maintenance staff time and resources, and lead to claims against the City. The outcomes of this study will be to identify and prioritize capital projects, and maintenance or operational actions that will work in concert to reduce the widespread flooding without causing negative downstream impacts.	Original Flood Reduction	9	\$249,998	\$50,000	\$125,000
Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group	<i>Struve Creek Erosion Protection and Habitat Restoration</i>	Assess feasibility and develop conceptual designs for an erosion control and floodplain reconnection project on Struve Creek, a tributary to Bear Creek in WRIA 8. Struve Creek on the project site is experiencing rapid erosion and has migrated ~50 feet north in the last 15-20 years. The erosion is severely undercutting banks and has moved the stream from the shade of a mature riparian forest into direct sunlight. Mid Sound proposes a site survey to determine the cause of the erosion, a feasibility study to assess the possibility of re-meandering the stream and stabilizing the banks with in-stream LWM, and the development of conceptual design alternatives.	Original Flood Reduction	3	\$246,467	\$0	\$0
Neely Mansion Association	<i>Neely Mansion Flood Protection and Prevention</i>	Construct a new external floodwall or an earthen berm around the full perimeter of the mansion structure with a dewatering pumpstation capable of dewatering the crawl space and low points where stormwater collects to provide positive drainage to the structure foundation and crawlspace. In addition the project would provide a vapor barrier ground cover over the crawlspace to segregate the wooden parts of the foundation from moisture intrusion from the underlying saturated soils. Since the native soil is very permeable, there is a natural flow net that hydraulically connects the floodwaters to the crawlspace. Dewatering must be provided around the perimeter foundation to keep the structural integrity of the substructure.	Original Flood Reduction	9	\$253,000	\$10,000	\$175,000

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Newcastle, City of	<i>S-040 Landcastle Water Quality Improvement</i>	Erosion has been observed along an unnamed drainage tributary that connects piped drainage networks between 111th PI SE and 116th Ave SE in Newcastle. During storm events, eroded material (sediment) is transported in surface water via the tributary and is often deposited in downstream surface water infrastructure, requiring regular maintenance. The downstream deposition has reduced conveyance capacity and caused flooding of streets and residences. The S-040 Landcastle Water Quality Improvement Project proposes to install bypasses for two stormwater outfalls west of 116th Ave SE to reduce downstream erosion, sedimentation, and flooding.	Original Flood Reduction	9	\$750,000	\$500,000	\$375,000
Renton, City of	<i>Hardie Ave SW Flood Risk Reduction</i>	Reduce the risk of flooding at the sag point of Hardie Ave SW south of the BNSF Railway underpass by installing approximately 600 lineal feet of 48-inch Storm Drain within the Hardie Ave SW right-of-way. The improvements will extend to SW 7th St and connect to the existing 60" storm main conveying stormwater to the west.	Original Flood Reduction	5	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$400,000
Sammamish, City of	<i>Loree Estates Outfall Diversion</i>	Replace an existing unstable outfall discharge with a new closed conveyance system that redirects stormwater to a more stable discharge location within the Kanim Creek basin. The existing outfall has caused ongoing erosion and infrastructure concerns, creating long-term risks to public infrastructure, water quality, and downstream habitat. The project will improve system reliability, reduce flooding risk and erosion impacts, and provide a more sustainable stormwater conveyance system consistent with current environmental and infrastructure standards. Construction is currently anticipated during the 2027 dry season pending permitting and utility coordination.	Original Flood Reduction	3	\$764,800	\$0	\$200,000

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Seattle Parks Foundation	<i>Duwamish Valley and Thornton Creek Industrial Greening</i>	Increased severity of flooding and sea level rise (SLR) in communities adjacent to the Duwamish River and Thornton Creek requires immediate, multi-scaled Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) solutions. Dirt Corps' Industrial Greening (DIVIG) partnership is a cross-sector collaboration between small businesses, CBOs, King County, and the City of Seattle. We want to continue installing GSI at flood-impacted businesses and public spaces, providing critical flood-reduction, economic development, and community benefits. These multi-benefit facilities offer localized stormwater capacity, improved water quality, traffic calming, increased tree canopy, enhanced public engagement and center workforce development, all through a holistic, collaborative, community-centered approach to flood management	Original Flood Reduction	1, 8	\$799,972	\$455,000	\$400,000
Shoreline, City of	<i>Storm Creek Erosion Management Project - Construction Phase</i>	Address a badly eroded reach of Storm Creek to manage erosion and mitigate landslide-driven flood risk within a steep bluff-side area close to homes. The project proposes to install a closed-piped system through the resulting exposed slot-canyon. Eliminating scour potential on the steep slope will also stabilize the current condition slope. If no action is taken, severe erosion will continue, increasing the risk of catastrophic erosion, landslides, and blockage-driven flooding, threatening public safety, critical public infrastructure, private residences, and Puget Sound water quality.	Original Flood Reduction	1	\$881,941	\$1,886,275	\$350,000
Skykomish, Town of	<i>Maloney Creek Sediment Removal Design & Permitting</i>	Following the channel restoration project in 2011, which included the construction of a natural sediment trap (aka Natural Deposition Zone (NDZ)), Maloney Creek has experienced significant flooding in 2015 and 2025. Approximately 10,000 cubic yards of sediment was deposited in the NDZ between 2011 and 2016, and more sediment and debris has accumulated in the NDZ since then. Because of the impending flood risk, the Town would like to remove sediment and debris in the NDZ. The goal of the project would be to not only reduce flood risk by removing excess sediment and debris from Maloney Creek thereby addressing the primary factor responsible for elevated flood risk, but also to provide a design for restoring the ecological function in lower Maloney Creek as well as a plan for future flood risk management.	Original Flood Reduction	3	\$257,194	\$23,500	\$257,194

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Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance	<i>Floodzilla & Flood Preparedness Initiative</i>	Sustain the Floodzilla Gauge Network and expand implementation of SVPA's Emergency Action Planning Technical Assistance (EAPTA) Program to help farmers, landowners, and rural residents better prepare for flooding. The project will provide individualized technical assistance, flood preparedness education, and property-specific emergency planning support while strengthening coordination between community members, emergency managers, and floodplain professionals. Funding will also support development of a web-based Flood Preparedness and Emergency Planning Dashboard, including expanded public access to historical Floodzilla data and a Flood Threshold Planning Tool that helps users connect flood information to preparedness actions.	Original Flood Reduction	3	\$568,336	\$30,840	\$275,000
Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Improvement District	<i>Ames Creek Watershed Improvements</i>	The project is located between NE 80th Street and West Snoqualmie Valley Rd NE (WSVR) in the Ames Creek watershed. The alluvial fan, an unnamed tributary to Ames Creek, crosses through an undersized culvert at WSVR (WDFW ID 101A-08), resulting in the need for annual instream maintenance activities, creating significant adverse impacts to aquatic habitat. The preferred design alternative includes replacement of three barrier culverts and conversion of approximately 1-acre of private agricultural land to a corridor designed to significantly reduce the need for instream sediment maintenance and increase available off channel habitat. This grant would fund final designs in coordination with King County Roads and the private landowner.	Original Flood Reduction	3	\$492,010	\$100,000	\$492,010
Springbrook Square HOA	<i>Juanita Creek Tributary Pedestrian Bridge Flood Damage Repair</i>	The Springbrook Square Townhouse HOA owns and maintains a pedestrian bridge over Stream A, a Type-F fish-bearing tributary of Juanita Creek in Kirkland, Washington. Around 2020, an unusual high water flooding event caused slippage of one bridge footing, compromising the structural integrity of the bridge and forcing its closure. Following a 2.5-year permitting process, the City of Kirkland approved a repair permit in November 2025. This grant will fund repair of the flood-damaged footing using helical anchors and structural stabilization, restoring pedestrian access and protecting a documented salmon-bearing stream corridor from the risk of structural collapse.	Original Flood Reduction	1	\$125,000	\$37,550	\$90,000

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Washington Shores Condo Association	<i>Washington Shores II Drainage, Access, and Site Improvements</i>	Flood-reduction project to reduce standing water, improve drainage, stabilize erosion-prone slopes, and improve safer access on a constrained Lake Washington waterfront parcel. The project will disconnect and redirect downspouts, install stormwater detention and bioretention features, add permeable surfaces, improve retaining walls and slope stability, and create safer circulation routes for residents and emergency responders. The work is intended to convert recently completed building downspouts/scuppers into a coordinated site-wide drainage and flood-reduction system. The proposal is organized into four site zones so the work can be designed, permitted, phased, and constructed logically.	Original Flood Reduction	6	\$350,000	\$15,000	\$45,000
Wild Fish Conservancy	<i>Duvall Meadows/NE 147th PL Culvert Restoration</i>	Replace a substantially undersized culvert under a private road with a King Co. right-of-way. The culvert is a total fish passage barrier and is an imminent threat of catastrophic failure. Such failure will further impact downstream fish habitat, and prevent 17 King Co. residents, and two businesses from being able to access their properties. The failing 1.5 ft diameter culvert will be replaced with a 30 ft span bridge; with this request for construction and monitoring, WFC will replace two total barrier culverts with bridges (one replaced by Duvall Meadows as match), install up to 70 pieces of LWD within the project reach, revegetate 0.5 acres of disturbed banks, and monitor project effectiveness for 5 yrs. In addition to eliminating flood risk and providing safe parcel access, the project will improve access to 0.5 miles of salmonid spawning and rearing habitat, and prevent catastrophic impacts to downstream fish habitat.	Original Flood Reduction	3	\$1,446,224	\$15,000	\$0
Yarrow Point, Town of	<i>CIP No. 4 - Stormwater Improvement</i>	Capital Improvement Project No. 4 will install 525 linear feet of cast in place pipe inside an existing 12-inch diameter concrete pipe which is currently experiencing heavy root intrusion. Additionally, the project will provide maintenance for four brick and mortar catch basins along the run.	Original Flood Reduction	6	\$330,000	\$33,000	\$55,000
CULVERT REPLACEMENT/ FISH PASSAGE CATEGORY							

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APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	GRANT CATEGORY	KC COUNCIL DISTRICT	REQUESTED AMOUNT	LEVERAGE	OFFER
Covington, City of	<i>SE 256th Street Culvert Replacement</i>	Replace existing twin 36-inch diameter cement concrete culverts conveying Little Soos Creek below SE 256th Street in Covington with a fish passable culvert structure. The existing culverts have been rated as complete barriers to fish passage due to slope. The culverts are structurally deficient with offset joints that are not water tight and pose a risk of failure and therefore flood risk. In addition, the Soos Creek Water & Sewer District Lift Station No 14 is located immediately adjacent to the SE 256th Street crossing of Little Soos Creek, on the upstream side, so flooding due to failure of the culverts poses a risk to the operation of the lift station.	Culvert Replacement/ Fish Passage	9	\$2,249,220	\$499,480	\$750,000
Enumclaw, City of	<i>Battersby West Culvert Replacement Construction</i>	Replace an aging fish passage barrier culvert on an unnamed tributary to Watercress Creek that provides drainage for a large portion of the City of Enumclaw. Replacement of the culvert with a large concrete box culvert will provide for improved fish passage and eliminate upstream flooding for which the existing undersized culvert contributes too. The culvert is located within the City of Enumclaw ROW. Funding for this phase of the project will support construction of the project.	Culvert Replacement/ Fish Passage	9	\$663,000	\$100,000	\$663,000
Kent, City of	<i>Earthworks Sediment Pond Culvert Replacement</i>	The Earthworks Sediment Pond Culvert Replacement project will replace two adjacent undersized and deteriorating corrugated metal culverts at the downstream end of the sediment pond within Earthworks Park. The proposed project includes a larger culvert which will improve fish passage to the Upper Mill Creek basin, improve flow through the culvert, and reduce flood risk to downstream areas. The funding would be to finalize design, permitting and a portion of construction.	Culvert Replacement/ Fish Passage	5, 7	\$1,000,000	\$1,312,416	\$750,000

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APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	GRANT CATEGORY	KC COUNCIL DISTRICT	REQUESTED AMOUNT	LEVERAGE	OFFER
King County Road Services Division	<i>208th Avenue SE at SE 135th Street Culvert Replacement</i>	Replace an undersized, deteriorating corrugated metal pipe that conveys McDonald Creek under 208th Avenue SE, 400 feet south of the intersection with SE 135th Street, with a fish-passable structure. The existing culvert is undersized and countersunk, causing stranding of juvenile salmon annually. It will be replaced with a structure sized to modern standards that can convey the full range of design flows in McDonald Creek, which will provide unimpeded fish passage to all life stages of all fish species using the stream. 208th Avenue SE is a sole access road serving 42 homes. Access is limited and/or blocked when it floods. The new structure will reduce upstream flooding and resulting damage to private property; eliminate roadway flooding; maintain safe, reliable access to these homes; promote public safety; provide clearance for floating debris; and improve water quality.	Culvert Replacement/ Fish Passage	9	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$500,000
Wild Fish Conservancy	<i>101P-02 Unnamed Tributary to Patterson Creek Culvert Replacement (Phase I - Design & Permitting)</i>	Develop designs and prepare and submit permits for the 101P-02 culvert; a failing private driveway culvert located on an unnamed tributary to Patterson Creek near Fall City, WA. The existing corrugated metal culvert is undersized, severely deteriorated, and is perched approximately 2.3 ft, creating a complete barrier to fish passage and constraining the transport of water, sediment, and woody material. When completed the project will replace the crossing which will accommodate natural stream processes, improve flood resilience, and protect existing public infrastructure investments. Completion of the project will restore access to approximately one mile of upstream fish-bearing habitat for coho salmon, steelhead, sea-run cutthroat trout, and resident trout.	Culvert Replacement/ Fish Passage	3	\$238,348	\$0	\$238,348

COASTAL EROSION/ COASTAL FLOODING CATEGORY

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APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	GRANT CATEGORY	KC COUNCIL DISTRICT	REQUESTED AMOUNT	LEVERAGE	OFFER
Des Moines, City of	<i>Des Moines Creek Estuary Restoration Final Design</i>	This is a continuation of the preliminary engineering efforts for this project. The project entails bringing the design from 30% to Bid Ready Documents including engineering design, public outreach support, cultural resource support, and permit identification for improvements to the shoreline, estuary habitat, and public access near the mouth of and adjacent to Des Moines Creek. The project will identify potential improvements to address flooding impacts to Des Moines Beach Park while bolstering both shoreline and estuary habitat. It will also evaluate public access and connectivity impacts to the estuary from the Des Moines Marina to the Des Moines Beach Park.	Coastal Erosion/ Coastal Flooding	5	\$602,000	\$150,000	\$200,000
Vashon Maury Island Land Trust	<i>North Maury Bulkhead Removal</i>	Remove 120 feet of creosoted pile-and-beam bulkhead to restore a natural marine shoreline. The bulkhead lies well below the high-higher tide level – about 30 feet water-word of the natural high tide line. This project will restore surf smelt spawning habitat as well as forage and safe passage for juvenile Chinook salmon.	Coastal Erosion/ Coastal Flooding	8	\$480,000	\$275,000	\$480,000
URBAN STREAMS CATEGORY							
Adopt A Stream Foundation	<i>Friendly Village Flood Resilience and Bridge Replacement</i>	Reduce flooding risks at Friendly Village Mobile Home Park by replacing two aging, flood-constraining bridges over Bear Creek. The Snohomish Avenue vehicle bridge and adjacent pedestrian bridge create a pinch point in the floodplain, causing backwater effects, debris buildup, and localized flooding. Replacing these hydraulically deficient structures with channel-conforming designs will restore more natural flood and stormwater flow, reduce flood risk to homes and infrastructure, and improve fish passage. The project supports long-term public safety, environmental health, and resilience in the Bear Creek watershed.	Urban Streams	3	\$1,499,879	\$263,250	\$750,000

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APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	GRANT CATEGORY	KC COUNCIL DISTRICT	REQUESTED AMOUNT	LEVERAGE	OFFER
Auburn, City of	<i>Auburn 400 Flood Mitigation Ponds/15th St SE Culvert</i>	The Auburn 400 is a regional flood mitigation storage area created in conjunction with development of the Outlet Collection Seattle (formerly the Auburn Supermall). The system includes two flood storage areas and an approximately 300 linear-foot box culvert located beneath the abutment of the 15th St SW overpass. The system conveys flows from Algona Creek to the south and routes them to Mill Creek to the northwest, providing important floodplain storage and regional flood conveyance for the Mill Creek basin. Frequent backwater conditions from Mill Creek combined with increasingly intense regional storm events have contributed to prolonged and continuous high-water conditions in the area. Grant funding would allow the City to complete a comprehensive cleaning and restoration effort to verify and maintain the hydraulic capacity of the culvert system.	Urban Streams	7	\$597,018	\$150,000	\$300,000
Duwamish Yacht Club	<i>Duwamish River and Hamm Creek Sediment Removal, Stream Restoration, and Water Quality Project</i>	Dredging and removal of contaminated dredge spoils from the Duwamish River basin in the Hamm Creek estuary, which includes both the Duwamish Yacht Club (DYC) as well as 19 affordable liveaboard vessels in the marina operated by DYC. This project will maintain and improve the health of the Hamm Creek waterway by removing contaminated sediments that have increased to harmful levels over the aforementioned 20-year period. The project will also restore habitat in these areas by removing dioxins that can be traced to upstream sources within the Hamm Creek watershed and 96th Street Storm Drain system.	Urban Streams	8	\$1,000,000	\$3,283,712	\$0

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APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	GRANT CATEGORY	KC COUNCIL DISTRICT	REQUESTED AMOUNT	LEVERAGE	OFFER
EarthCorps	<i>Kirkland Knotweed Flood Reduction</i>	EarthCorps has partnered with the City of Kirkland to control knotweed and restore riparian habitat at five sites across Juanita Creek, Yarrow Creek, and Denny Creek watersheds, all of which drain to Lake Washington. At these sites, knotweed's dieback during peak flow seasons destabilizes streambanks, increases erosion, and generates vegetative debris that clogs culverts and drainage infrastructure, contributing to localized flooding. Project sites lie within FEMA-mapped 100-year floodplains where knotweed is actively degrading the natural systems that buffer nearby condominiums and public infrastructure from flood impacts. Over three years, EarthCorps crews will apply targeted knotweed treatments and install native riparian vegetation to improve hydraulic conveyance, stabilize streambanks, and reduce flood risk.	Urban Streams	1, 6	\$105,316	\$25,760	\$105,316
EarthCorps	<i>Seattle Public Utility Knotweed Knockout</i>	EarthCorps has partnered with Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) to control knotweed at nine SPU stormwater infrastructure sites across the Thornton Creek, Densmore Basin, and Blue Ridge watersheds. At these sites, knotweed growth contributes to debris accumulation that clogs culverts and drainage channels, causing localized flooding and requiring emergency maintenance responses during storm events. Over three years, EarthCorps crews will apply targeted knotweed treatments and install native vegetation to stabilize streambanks, reduce erosion, and improve hydraulic conveyance at SPU facilities. This work will reduce flood risk, decrease emergency operational demands on SPU staff, and support long-term watershed health.	Urban Streams	1, 4	\$208,265	\$49,680	\$208,265

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Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	<i>Issaquah Creek Flood Reduction Phase 2</i>	Maintained by both FISH & WDFW, the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery is set upon half an acre (20,000 sq ft) of riparian habitat. Volunteers and staff seasonally maintain through the removal of invasive plants, clearing debris from storm events, maintaining rain gardens, and providing habitat for native fish, birds, and mammals. The Issaquah Creek has been highly urbanized since the hatchery was built, and is prone to flooding as witnessed in 2020 and 2025. The project would provide a flood reduction plan to remove the invasive species as well as provide relief for flooding in a highly urbanized area. FISH and WDFW are now ready to move forward with the removal of the bamboo, rebuilding the riverbank, adding critical salmon habitat and planting native species for bank stabilization and canopy.	Urban Streams	3	\$174,947	\$111,760	\$0
Homestead Community Land Trust	<i>Skyway Affordable Homeownership</i>	The Skyway Homeownership and Green Space Project, located in the Skyway-West Hill urban growth area, proposes to replace a deteriorating metal corrugated culvert in King County road right-of-way that conveys Stream A, a Type F stream, beneath the existing site driveway. The unmaintained culvert poses a projected flood risk to 55 permanently affordable homes and approximately 11 acres of preserved community green space. Stream A flows north through the property into Wetland C, which drains east to the West Fork of Taylor Creek; the replacement will improve flow conveyance, reduce urban flood risk, and restore hydrologic connectivity in this urban watershed. Developed by Homestead Community Land Trust with the Skyway Coalition, this project integrates critical stormwater infrastructure with permanently affordable homeownership and community green space for income-qualified Skyway residents.	Urban Streams	2	\$1,974,670	\$0	\$1,000,000

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Seattle Parks & Recreation	<i>Arboretum Creek Headwaters - Construction Phase 2</i>	Phase 2 of the Headwaters Project will collect & convey floodwater from 28th Ave. E between E. Aloha St & E. Helen St, plus year-round flow from Alley Springs & the year-round seep on 28th Ave E - just north of E. Aloha St, into downstream infrastructure to be built via Phase 1. Phase 1 will install piping to combine & convey the spring & stormwater (SW) from Phases 1, 2 & 3, around the Japanese Garden, & into the SW garden - which will be constructed via Phase 1 funding. The SW Garden will provide sustainable hyporheic water cleansing before discharging the water into a rejuvenated Arboretum Creek. Full funding of this request will enable construction of all 3 phases starting in July, 2027. This combining of construction is the most cost-effective method to reduce urban flooding in & around 28th Ave E., E. Prospect St., the Seattle Japanese Garden & surrounding parts of the Arboretum.	Urban Streams	2	\$1,479,001	\$0	\$500,000
Seattle Public Utilities	<i>North Thornton Natural Drainage System Construction</i>	SPU will reduce localized street flooding in residential and commercial neighborhoods in northeast Seattle by installing natural drainage systems along multiple city blocks. This area is underserved with drainage and conveyance infrastructure, which leads to flooding and pooled water on roadways and private properties, especially during heavy rainfall events. By utilizing a proven green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) solution, SPU will improve water quality in Thornton Creek, a salmon-bearing stream, and ultimately, Lake Washington. The project will also add green spaces in predominantly impervious areas, fill in sidewalk gaps that increase community connectivity, and add new pedestrian improvements that calm vehicular traffic.	Urban Streams	1	\$1,800,000	\$20,200,000	\$1,000,000

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Stewardship Partners	<i>Adopt-a-Downspout Project Expansion: Phase 2</i>	Stewardship Partners (SP) is expanding the Adopt-a-Downspout (AAD) initiative and the Box of Rain technology, an affordable modular nonproprietary Best Management Practice (BMP) that has been proven to reduce the chemical 6PPDq and other toxic chemicals in stormwater runoff. In addition to reducing toxins, these efforts will manage stormwater from elevated roadways, thus reducing potential flooding. This phase will scale the scope of this initiative by focusing on ramping up installations in the region and building capacity to train volunteers to “adopt” and maintain additional AAD Systems. With this phase, SP crews will install 20 new Boxes of Rain and maintain 12 Boxes of Rain plus new installations over the next 3 years.	Urban Streams	2, 6, 9	\$705,956	\$235,000	\$235,000
Trout Unlimited	<i>Flood Protection in Lower Laughing Jacobs Creek (Reach 1 construction)</i>	Implement stream and floodplain improvements within a constrained downstream reach of Laughing Jacobs Creek in the City of Issaquah Urban Growth Area. The project is designed to reduce existing and future flood risks, improve hydraulic capacity and channel stability, and reduce erosion impacts to nearby infrastructure, East Lake Sammamish Parkway, downstream residential properties, & public assets identified through 100-year flood modeling. Reach 1 represents the first of three coordinated restoration phases and will provide the downstream foundation necessary to support future upstream floodplain reconnection, fish passage, and habitat restoration efforts planned in Reaches 2 and 3. The project will also improve watershed resilience by helping buffer the effects of increasing urban development, expanding impervious surface coverage, and more intense storm events associated with climate change.	Urban Streams	3	\$683,621	\$992,665	\$683,621
Woodinville, City of	<i>Culvert Removal & Fish Passage Restoration on Urban Stream Under Eastrail Corridor – Phase 1</i>	Phase 1 of the project will remove one undersized culvert and replace it with an open-span pedestrian bridge to improve stormwater and stream conveyance, reduce localized flooding along 139th Ave NE, and improve salmonid habitat and fish passage. The culvert, located under the historic BNSF railroad grade and conveying an intermittent stream, has been identified as a fish passage barrier. This project will also leverage the Eastrail Multimodal Trail Project (P-25-003) to coordinate design and construction and improve overall cost efficiency.	Urban Streams	3	\$250,000	\$25,000	\$250,000

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				TOTALS	\$ 33,213,081	\$ 43,489,994	\$ 14,307,027

Staff Report

Agenda Item:	6	Name:	Michelle Clark
Proposed No:	FCD2026-10	Date:	September 8, 2026

Resolution FCD2026-10: A Resolution relating to the operations and finances of the King County Flood Control Zone District; authorizing the expenditure of District funds for the projects and activities in accordance with the 2026 Steve Bleifuhs Memorial Flood Reduction Grants.

The King County Flood Control District's ("District") created the Steve Bleifuhs Memorial Flood Reduction Grant Program ("FRG") twelve years ago to fund smaller non-CIP projects supporting local communities (cities, homeowner associations, school districts, businesses, non-profits, etc.). This program provides grant funding for projects with flood reduction benefits, including but not limited to, surface water overflows, near shore flooding, lake flooding due to outflow blockage, or the clearance of clogged agricultural drainage systems. In March of 2020, the District expanded the FRGs to include three new grant categories providing funding for projects addressing the countywide flooding issues of urban streams, coastal erosion/coastal flooding, and culvert replacement/fish passage restoration. Governments, tribes, and non-profits are eligible for these three new grant streams.

This year the District received 46 grant requests (27 Original FRG, 5 Culvert Replacement/Fish Passage, 2 Coastal Erosion/Coastal Flooding, and 12 Urban Streams) totaling \$33,213,081. The 2026 budget authorized \$14,307,228. The review panel unanimously recommends awarding FRGs totaling \$14,307,027.

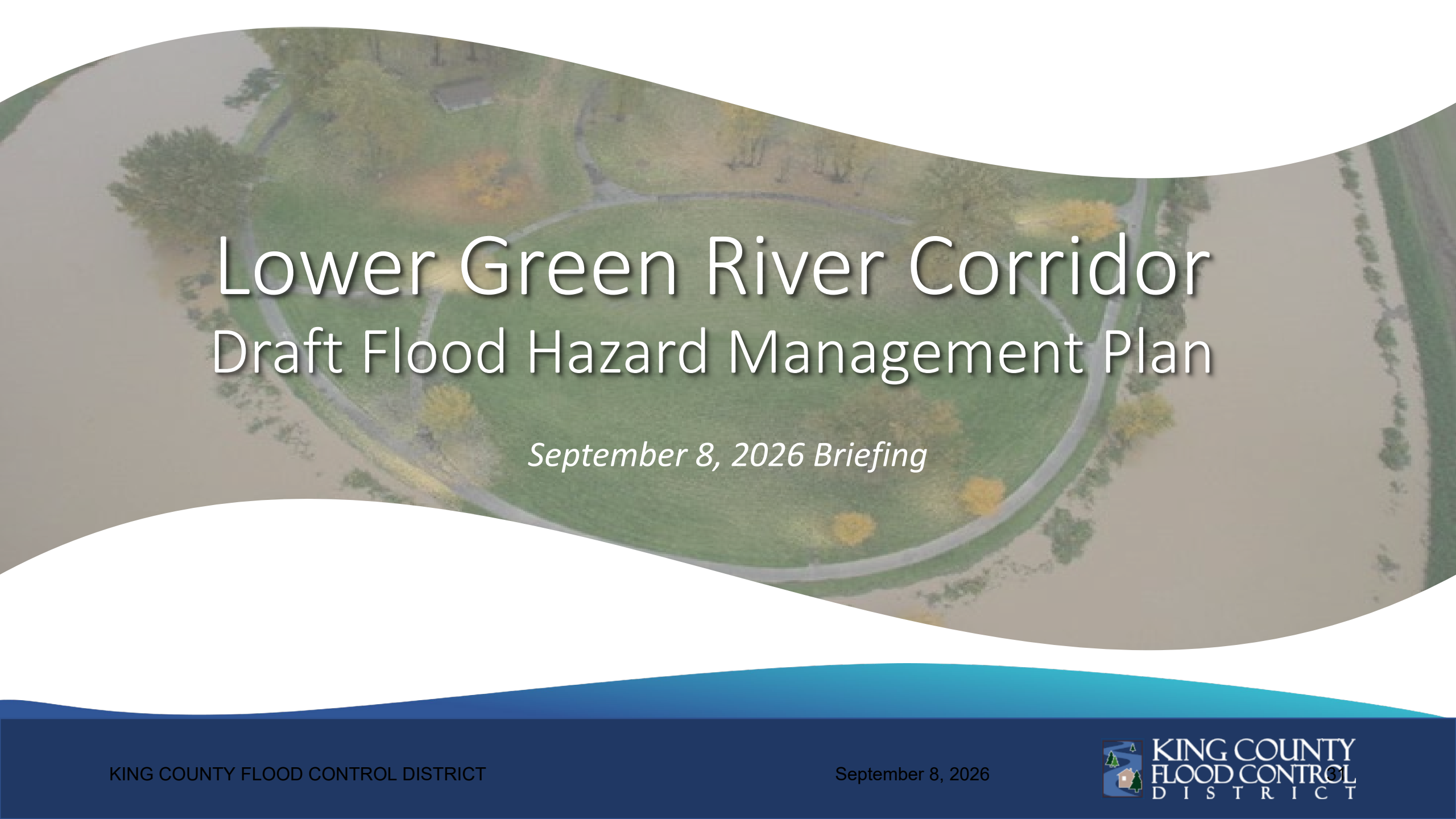
Grant availability was announced this Spring through press releases, direct emails to public works staff in each jurisdiction in King County, posting to the District website, and outreach by supervisors and their staff.

This year, applicants included 19 cities, 1 county, 15 non-profits, 7 homeowners associations, 2 special purpose districts, and 2 land trusts.

King County Water and Land Resources Division grants, fish passage, and stormwater staff reviewed the projects for eligibility and visited project sites for technical review. A review panel consisting of Josh Baldi, Director of King County Water and Land Resources Division; Morgan Irwin, former state representative and Enumclaw city councilmember and Michelle Clark, King County Flood Control District Executive Director reviewed the grant requests and met via Teams to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Given the amount of grant requests exceeded the amount of funds available for the 2026 Flood Reduction Grants by \$18.9M, in addition to their traditional practice of recommending "phasing" the projects, the review panel prioritized geographic equity; equity and social justice; matching funds; one or two projects when an organization or entity applied for multiple grants, projects responding to new or exacerbated issues related to the 2025/2026 flood season, and partnerships with other grant funds including the Flood District Sub Regional Opportunity Grants, the Flood District Cooperative Watershed Management or WRIA Grants, and Conservation Futures Grants. This year, there was at least one grant application from every King County Council District. The review panel unanimously recommends full funding for 13 projects and partial funding for 26 projects. The review panel recommends denying 7 applications.

Adoption of this resolution does not authorize new money in the 2026 budget, it simply identifies the recipients of previously authorized grant funding.



Lower Green River Corridor Draft Flood Hazard Management Plan

September 8, 2026 Briefing

Purpose of Presentation

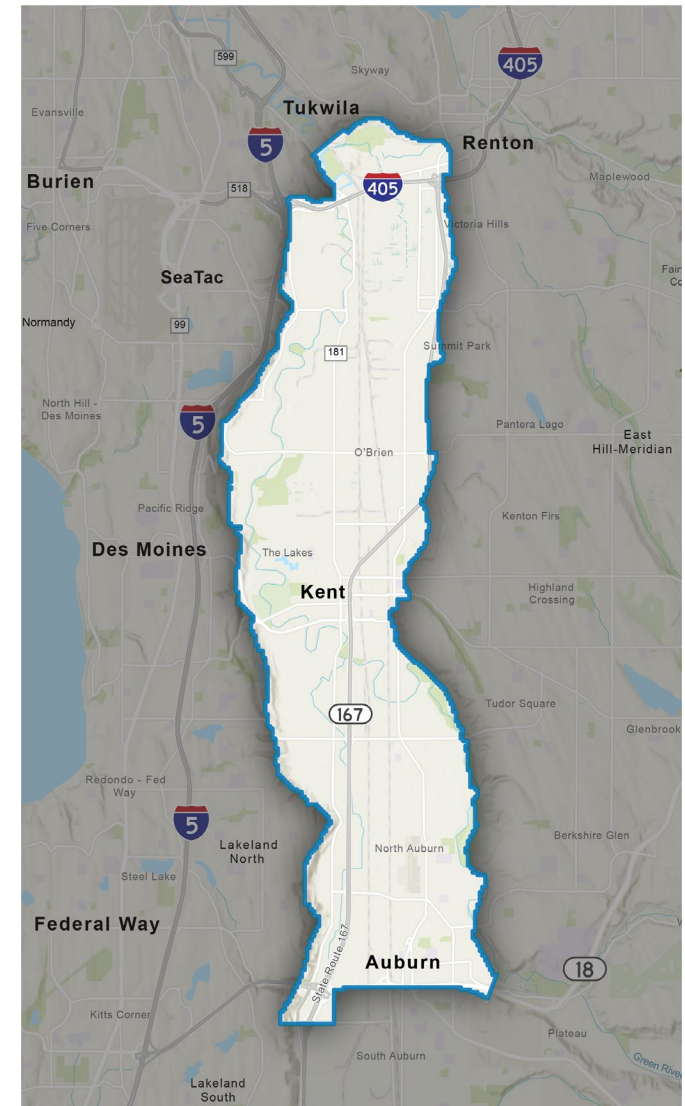
- Brief the Board of Supervisors on the Draft Plan's background, vision, content, and the engagement that shaped it
- Seek Board input and policy guidance
- Come back with revisions, as needed
- **No action is requested today**
- At a future meeting, the Board of Supervisors will decide whether to:
 - Adopt the Draft Plan “as is”
 - Adopt the Draft Plan with Board-directed revisions
 - Take no action on the Draft Plan

Lower Green River Corridor

The Lower Green River Corridor includes:

- River miles 11 to 32 and the associated floodplain
- Portions of the cities of Auburn, Kent, Renton, SeaTac, and Tukwila, and unincorporated King County

The corridor lies within traditional Tribal territory, supports tens of thousands of residents and jobs, and is essential to the region's economic vitality.



The Lower Green River Corridor is Home to:



Area Tribes



22,000 people living in the Valley and floodplain



Over 100,000 jobs



2nd largest industrial park on the West Coast and
3rd largest warehouse and distribution center in
the country



Farming



Over \$37 million in income from businesses of all sizes,
including companies like Boeing, Starbucks, REI, IKEA,
and Blue Origin



Major transportation routes and public facilities,
including hospitals and schools



Threatened salmon and other aquatic animals



Parks, trails, and natural areas

Goals of the Draft Plan

The goals of the Draft Plan are to provide an integrated and reasonable long-term approach to reduce flood risk while balancing multiple objectives within the corridor. This integrated approach is intended to provide flood risk reduction for people, property, and jobs, while supporting agricultural land use, economic development, equity and social justice, habitat restoration, housing, recreation, salmon recovery, water quality, and other benefits.

Process to Date



What was PEIS Alternative 3?

PEIS Alternative 3 was driven by the District's primary mandate of flood risk reduction while placing a new, greater emphasis on conserving and restoring habitat and supporting multiple benefits in the Lower Green River Corridor.

Robust Engagement Helped Shape the Development of the Draft Plan

- Collaboration with award-winning Community Navigators
- Direct outreach to Tribes
- Partner Planning Committee input, modeled after King County's engagement for the 2024 King County Flood Management Plan
- Website information and email notifications
- Coverage in the District blog

Draft Plan Highlights

- Policy framework to guide future investments in the corridor
- Focuses on existing infrastructure such as levees, floodwalls, revetments, and pump stations, while working to preserve open space, habitat, and other community benefits



Equity and Social
Justice



Environmental
Justice



Habitat Protection
and Salmon Recovery



Productive and
Viable Agriculture



Recreation and Other
Opportunities to Connect
People With Nature



Resilient
Communities and
Ecosystems



Jobs and Sustainable
Livelihoods



Open Space
Conservation



Sustainable and
Clean Water



Sustainable
Development

What's Included in the Draft Plan?

Reducing Flood Risk in the Lower Green River Corridor

- Corridor-specific recommendations for flood-risk reduction
- Supporting multibenefits
- Opportunities for collaboration

Prioritizing Investments

Best Available Science and Adaptive Management

Corridor-Specific Actions

When the District modifies an existing PL 84-99 facility, it may consider:

- Increasing the level of protection to 18,800 cfs plus three feet of freeboard
- Relocating the facility farther from the river

Exceptions may include:

- Actions addressing urgent flood risks
- Smaller repair projects

Corridor-Specific Actions (continued)

Along the approximately 1.5 miles of shoreline with a levee not enrolled in the PL 84-99 Program, the District may first consider other ways to make the area more resilient to flooding.

If those options are not practicable and the levee is modified, the District may address capacity and evaluate setback opportunities.

Corridor-Specific Actions (continued)

Where no levee or floodwall exists today, the recommendation is to consider other resilience options before constructing new facilities.

If new facilities are necessary, they may be designed to the adopted level of protection and sited as far from the river as practicable.

Draft Plan Availability

- The Draft Plan is currently available on the District's website
- Tribal leadership was notified by letter from the District Executive Director
- Email notifications were sent to over 1,200 recipients, including people who live and work in the Lower Green; elected officials; Tribal, agency, and local jurisdiction staff
- District blog announced the availability
- Navigators are in the community providing information about the Draft Plan

Next Steps for the Board of Supervisors

Next steps could include:

- Additional briefings or Plan revisions, if necessary
- Adoption of the Draft Plan “as is”
- Adoption the Draft Plan with Board directed revisions
- Deferring action

Next Steps in the Overall Process



QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

EXTRA SLIDES

Legislative History

The Board's relevant legislative history is presented in chronological order:

FCD Resolution 2016-05 (February 2016): Directed the preparation of a work plan for a Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard Management Plan and for a SEPA Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Plan and established an Advisory Committee.

FCD Motion 18-01 (April 2018): Initiated the planning process for the Plan in accord with SEPA requirements, and it defined alternatives and flood facility project types.

FCD Motion 20-07 (November 2020): Reaffirmed the District's commitment to integrated floodplain management and a set of multibenefits and convened a committee of governments and interested parties to advise the District on flood management on the Lower Green River.

FCD Motion 21-03 (October 2021): Revised the name of the Plan to the "Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard Management Plan" and directed that the PEIS evaluate three new alternatives.

FCD Motion 24-03 (September 2024): Directed the development of a planning process for the Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard Management Plan based on the Final PEIS.

PEIS Alternative 3

- Shifts substantially from the District's current practices while remaining grounded in flood risk reduction by:
 - Placing a greater emphasis on acquiring land for setback levees to conserve and restore habitat, while achieving multiple benefits consistent with Motion FCD 20-07
 - Introducing potential property acquisition to preserve flood storage
 - Introducing the potential use of flood proofing to reduce the effects of flooding