KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

REVISED Staff Report 11/10/2026 Meeting

Agenda Item:	6 & 7	**Name:**	Michelle Clark
Proposed Legislation:	FCD2026-11 & FCD2026-12	**Date:**	November 10, 2026

FCD2026-11: A RESOLUTION relating to the operation and finances of the King County Flood Control Zone District, adopting the 2027 budget and work program and authorizing improvements.

FCD2026-12: A RESOLUTION relating to the finances of the King County Flood Control Zone District ("District") authorizing a property tax levy to implement the District's 2027 budget, reserving banked capacity; and protecting up to

Budget Process Background

The King County Flood Control District ("District") Advisory Committee ("Advisory Committee") is comprised of 14 elected executives or councilmember alternates and 1 unincorporated areas representative. The Advisory Committee provides policy recommendations to the District and recommends an annual budget and 6-yr CIP. They meet four to five times a year, mostly in the summer months, and per Ordinance 15728, must transmit their budget recommendations to the District by the last business day of August. The transmittal of the Advisory Committee's Recommended Budget "kicks off" the Distict's annual budget process.

The District budgets annually and sets its levy rate every year as part of the annual budget. The District has the ability to levy up to $0.50/$1,000 AV per statue, however, because of levy suppression, in reality the District can levy up to $0.22/$1,000 AV. The levy rate for 2026 is $0.09/$1,000 AV.

Advisory Committee Recommended Budget

Given the floods of record on most of the county's six major rivers, the Advisory Committee deviated from its typical process. They meet five times, between April and August and met their obligation to transmit their preliminary recommendations to the District. Given the volume of facilities damaged during King County staff required additional time to complete low flow inspections of the flood reduction facilities. As a result, the Advisory Committee transmitted preliminary budget recommendations on August 31st. The Advisory Committee took the unusual step of meeting on September 14th to review a draft 2027 Capital Budget and Six-Year CIP. They transmitted their final 2027 budget recommendations on September 21st. This year their meeting focused on how the District would continue working to repair the damage incurred during the

historic flooding our region experienced during the 2025/2026 flood season and ensuring the long-term viability of the District.

The Advisory Committee recommended 2027 Budget is $129,088,261. The Advisory Committee Recommended Budget **does not** assume a 1% plus new construction increase in the levy rate. The recommended 2027 Operating Budget of $18,426,992 which is an increase of $5,21,784 from the 2026 mid-year Revised Budget. The recommended 2027 Capital Budget of $108,173,232 this $291,943,962 decrease from the 2026 mid-year Revised Budget that included all the supplemental budget actions in 2026 for the emergency and urgent repairs resulting from the record flooding our region experienced.

Capital Project Recommendations:

The recommended 2027-2032 6-yr CIP proposes progressing moving forward on 20 capital projects. This list includes a mixture of the various stages of the lifecycle of a capital project from planning to construction.

CAPTIAL PROJECTS PROPSED IN 2027

Project Name	River	New Start in 2027	Planning	Construction
Desimone Levee	Green		X	
Black River Pump Station	Green		X	
Lower Green River Corridor Plan & CIS	Green		X	
Green River 2025 Damage Repair Mitigation	Green		X	
Dutchman Road	Snoqualmie		X	
Lower Frew (pending grant funding)	Snoqualmie		X	
Snoqualmie Pump Station Revetment	Snoqualmie		X	
Snoqualmie River 2025 Damage Repair Mitigation	Snoqualmie		X	
CRT5 & Progressive Revetment (a flood reduction project and its mitigation companion project)	Cedar			X
Tabor-Crowall-Brodell	Cedar			X
Herzman to Camp Freeman	Cedar		X	
Cedar River CIS	Cedar		X	
Cedar River 2025 Damage Repair Mitigation	Cedar		X	
Sammamish River CIS	Sammamish		X	
Sammamish 10.1 Repair	Sammamish	X		X
Issaquah Creek CIS	Issaquah Creek	X (re-start)	X	
Pacific Right Bank Levee Setback	White		X	
White River 2025 Damage Repair Mitigation	White		X	
White River CIS	White	X	X	
White River Levee Improvements Feasibility Study	White	X	X	

Additionally, the recommended 2027-2032 6-yr CIP proposes continuing to pause work on the 12 capital projects - 9 that were paused in 2026 in order to respond to the flood event and 3 new projects.

PROJECTS PROPSED TO BE PAUSED IN 2027

Project Name	River	Paused in 2026	Newly Paused in 2027
O'Connell Revetment 2021 Repair	Green	X	
Horseshoe Bend McCoy Revetment Realignment	Green	X	
Kent Airport Revetment 2022 Repair	Green	X	
Tukwila-205 Levee Gunter Floodwall	Green		X
Tukwila-205 Levee Gaco-Segale Segment	Green		X
Reinig Road Revetment 2025	Snoqualmie		X
Upper Snoqualmie CIS	Snoqualmie	X	
Girl Scout Levee Setback	Tolt	X	
Holberg Levee 2019 Repair	Tolt	X	
Remlinger Levee Improvements	Tolt	X	
Upper Frew Levee Setback	Tolt	X	
Tolt River CIS	Tolt	X	

Policy Recommendations

1. District Revenue, External Funding Opportunities, and Fund Balance

The Advisory Committee continues to strongly urge the District to evaluate all revenue and external funding opportunities including the adoption of a bonding policy and a robust grant strategy, staffing capacity, alternative project delivery, and other resources necessary to cover long-term capital and operational needs and expedite project implementation. Additionally, the Advisory Committee strongly urges the creation of a minimum fund balance as called for in the District's adopted Financial Policies.

2. Capital Project Reprioritization

The Advisory Committee expects that the District will engage them and the staff of the Joint Basin Technical Committee in the implementation of District capital project prioritization policy based on the White Paper presented last fall and further work to refine prioritization criteria and process to align with future strategic planning work.

3. Strategic Plan

The Advisory Committee continues to recommend the District update its strategic plan.

4. Legislative Agenda

The Advisory Committee urges the District to develop a state and federal legislative agenda that will aid in conversations with our partners and increase our opportunities for necessary policy changes, including regulatory streamlining when addressing flood risk in response to declared emergencies, and funding of capital projects. This agenda will help the District capitalize on existing funding opportunities such as all Army Corps of Engineering and WRDA funding.

Policy Decisions

- Should the District implement the Advisory Committee recommendation to evaluate all revenue and external funding opportunities, including a bonding policy and the creation of a minimum fund balance?
- Should the District implement the Advisory Committee recommendation to adopt a capital project prioritization policy based on the District's White Paper and further work to refine the prioritization criteria and process to align with future strategic planning work?
- Should the District implement the Advisory Committee recommendation to begin a strategic planning process to guide its critically important work as part of the 2026 Work Plan?
- Should the District implement the Advisory Committee recommendation to develop and adopt a state and federal legislative agenda to aid in conversations with our partners and increase our opportunities to effectuate necessary policy changes, including regulatory streamlining when addressing flood risk in response to declared emergencies, and funding of capital projects.

Outstanding Issues

Staff will continue to work with Supervisors, and jurisdiction staff related to technical adjustments, policy initiatives, and emerging issues.

2027 Budget Process Timeline

- **Oct. 13th Regular Board Meeting:** Board meeting immediately after Council.
- **Oct. 27th Special Board Meeting:** Board meeting immediately after Council
- **Nov. 10th Regular Board Meeting:** Board meeting immediately after Council; Advertised Public Hearing.
- **November 17th Special Board Meeting (if necessary):** Board meeting immediately after Council.

UPDATES

1. **New 2026 Projections.**
   The district has new projections for 2026 showing the district will end 2026 with a $2 million fund balance.

2. **King County Recommendation to Shift FTE from WLRD Director's Office to the River and Floodplain Management Section of WRLD.**
   As primary service provider to the District, the County administers all of the District grant programs (Subregional Opportunity Fund, CWM/WRIA Grants, and Steve Bliefuhs Memorial Grants). As the District grant programs have grown, so has the time this FTE spends administering these programs. Since 2025, 100% of this FTE's time is spent administering the grants. This shift is organizational only (see organizational charts attached) and does not impact the District budget. Staff have identified no additional issues with this recommendation.

3. **Reduction Scenarios**
   At the request of the district executive director, the county has provided three scenarios showing the creation of a designated fund balance in 2027. These scenarios are attached to the staff report. Additionally, the county prepared a detailed Capital Projects Expenditure Reduction chart attached to this staff report. These scenarios and table detail how the district could cut the 2027 capital program to from $46.7 million (the Advisory Committee's recommended budget) to $17.5 million. This $17.5 million pauses all construction in 2027, slows design on major projects delaying future construction, and pauses all acquisitions other than the $17 million currently in escrow or negotiations. This reduction scenario also pauses all new acquisitions and does not include any repairs from the 2025/2026 flood season.

4. **King County Recommendation to create a 2026 Flood Damage Repair Program and funding it at $500,000.**
   The floods of the 2025/2026 flood season damaged over 160 or approximately one-third of the county's over 500 flood risk reduction facilities. The county has completed or is implementing 39 capital projects since the storms of December 2025: 17 emergency repairs during the flood season; 9 urgent repairs completed by the end of October (4 in coordination with the USACE); implementing the White River Urgent Flood Risk Reduction project and will continue implementation into 2027; and completed 11 smaller repairs with the maintenance team.

   The county has submitted over 130 damage sites to FEMA for up to $83 million. This submittal is still under review. If eligible for FEMA reimbursement, these repairs must be completed by April 2030. With its traditional delivery method, medium to large repairs take between 18 to 24 months to work through predesign, permitting and procurement. If the county could complete 3-4 repair projects a year starting, it could complete between 9-12 repairs by the end of

2030. The county is investigating the potential of implementing a Design-Build capital project delivery method with the goal of **possibly** delivering 25-30 repair projects by the end of 2030. Water and Land Resources Division has not used this method of project delivery and research is underway to determine if this approach is feasible and if it is how the district could implement it. If chosen, this delivery method may require changing county and district decision making processes.

The county is proposing the district create a 2026 Flood Damage Repair Program as part of the 2027 budget funding it at $500,000 and direct the county to deliver a report by May 1, 2027 outlining its investigation into the possibility of implementing an alternative delivery method including, a description of the delivery mechanisms evaluated, the recommended list of repair sites, and a recommendation on whether to employ a new alternative delivery method.

In response to questions from district staff, the county has stated that the $500,000 is necessary to finalize the investigation of the potential delivery methods, and initiate project repair planning. As the county has yet to complete the analysis and determine which repair sites are the next "in the que," it is an open question what repair projects would be initiated in 2027 or beyond.

CHAIR'S STRIKING AMENDMENT

The Chair's Striking Amendment contains the following direction:

1. **Shifts FTE from WLRD Director's Office to the River and Floodplain Management Section of WRLD.**

2. **Right-sizes 2027 expenditures to $84.1M.**

3. **Maintain reserves.** Directs the creation of two reserves for the District – a $2M general reserve and a $1.9M emergency contingency reserve with $400K earmarked for future repairs resulting from the 2025-2026 flood season report on alternative capital project delivery.

4. **Emergency Response.** States District intent to obtain a low-interest loan from the King County Investment Pool if necessary to respond to a declared flood emergency.

5. **Debt Financing.** Directs the District to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with King County to issue debt financing. Directs the District Executive Committee to oversee these negotiations and directs District executive director to update Board members on the status of these negotiations monthly, or more frequently if necessary.

6. **Future Budget Stability.** Directs the District Executive Committee to develop recommendations that will enhance overall budget stability for consideration by the Board of Supervisors by July 15, 2027. These recommendations shall include:
    a. Legislative Priorities of the District;
    b. Creating a District deficit spending policy;
    c. District capital project reprioritization, including an evaluation of the current 6-year CIP based on a risk, severity, consequence paradigm to ensure budget transparency, clarity, and accountability;
    d. Expediting capital project delivery and removing barriers to the implementation of capital projects;
    e. Increasing transparency and accountability related to project delivery from all District service providers;
    f. Aligning current and future District expenditures with anticipated revenue;
    g. Updating District acquisition policy; and
    h. Updating District grant programs and grant program administration.

7. **Strategic Plans.**
    a. District Strategic Plan. Directs the District executive director to develop a King County Flood Control District Strategic Plan. The District executive director will work with experts, including members of the District Advisory Committee, Joint Basin Technical Committee, and representatives from King County water and land resources division.
    b. Lower Green River Corridor Plan and Capital Investment Strategy. Directs District executive director to continue the work necessary to develop the Lower Green River Corridor Plan and Capital Investment Strategy.

8. **Investigate Alternative Capital Project Delivery (Attachment H, Line ____, $100K).** The Board directs King County to provide a report on alternative capital project delivery. The report shall include a description of the delivery mechanisms evaluated, the recommended list of prioritized repair sites and associated District funds intended to be spent in 2027 not to exceed $400,000, and a recommendation on whether to employ the traditional Design-Bid-Build approach, the Progressive Design-Build approach, some other mechanism as yet unknown, or a combination of options for the 2025-2026 flood damage repairs. The report shall be transmitted to the District by May 3, 2027.

9. **Continue Flood Warning System Upgrades.** The Board directs King County to provide a report related to technological upgrades to the Flood Warning Center. This report shall include identifying the additional costs associated with implementation and long-term database coordination and administration in partnership with King County, unifying the hydrologic data system, reducing costs, and improving efficiency, necessary to incorporate information from additional sources including, but not limited to, data from the Floodzilla gauges used in the Snoqualmie Basin. This report shall be transmitted to the District by May 3, 2027.

10. **Grants.** The Board directs the District executive director and King County to work collaboratively to aggressively pursue grant and other funding opportunities for District multi-benefit projects, including, but not limited to the Lower Frew Levee Setback project.
11. **Advisory Committee.** The Board directs the District executive director to provide members of the District Advisory Committee with regular reports on capital and financial projections, including additional information on the "right-sizing" process for expenditure projections for all District service providers.
12. **Creates a Mitigation Project (Fish Passage Enhancements at Willows Run Tributary, Attachment H, Line _____, $275K).**

Expenditure Reduction Scenario - $2M fund balance

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Item	2027 9/9 Financial Plan	2027 Balance and $3.5M Reserve 10/28/2026	11/6/2026	Change from 10/28/2026	Notes
Beginning Fund Balance	$0	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$0	Based on possible savings in external project expenditures in 2026.
Existing Revenues	$86,000,000	$86,000,000	$86,000,000	$0	Assumes no change in the levy collections.
FCD Operating Budget	-$2,500,000	-$1,500,000	-$1,500,000	$0	Per FCD Executive Director on 10/26/26.
King County Operating Budget	-$15,700,000	-$15,700,000	-$18,200,000	-$2,500,000	Underlying operating budget reduced in 9/9 financial plan. Updated with current information.
CWM and Flood Reduction Grants	-$23,000,000	-$23,000,000	-$23,000,000	$0	Projected expenditure the result of prior budget obligations.
Sub Regional Opportunity Fund	-$7,500,000	-$7,500,000	-$7,500,000	$0	Projected expenditure the result of prior budget obligations.
External Agency Projects	-$5,800,000	-$5,000,000	-$5,000,000	$0	Assumption based on historical patterns. High degree of variability from year to year.
Acquisitions	-$19,400,000	-$17,000,000	-$11,265,720	$5,734,280	Updated with current information.
County Capital Program	-$23,300,000	-$17,500,000	-$17,634,280	-$134,280	Pauses all construction in 2027 (except BRPSI High Use Engines and White River Urgent Flood Risk Reduction) and slows design on major projects delaying future construction. Updated with current information.
Expenditures Subtotal	-$97,200,000	-$87,200,000	-$84,100,000		
Reserve	$0	$3,500,000	$2,000,000		Reserve amount per FCD direction
Flood Emergency Contingency			$1,900,000	$1,900,000	Per FCD direction
Remaining	-$11,200,000	-$2,700,000	$0		
% Reduction in Capital County Program			24%		

Note: expenditures are shown as negative numbers. Larger negative numbers in the change column indicates increased expenditures. Positive numbers indicate decreased expenditures.

Capital Projects Expenditure Reduction Detail

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Project	2027 Available Budget (Forecasted)	10/28/2026 version	11/6/2026 version	Difference between 10/28 and 11/6	Notes
Green River					
Desimone Levee Major Repair	$2,229,064	$2,293,850	$2,638,375	$344,525	Expenditure represents a reduction from 2027 spending estimate following recent design contracting process. Anticipate delay in floodwall and slope failure repair and increases in total project cost. Tukwila. Some budget added back from acquisitions savings between 10/28 and 11/6.
Black River Pump Station Improvements	$3,813,684	$1,875,000	$2,219,525	$344,525	Reduction in design expenditure expected to result in delay of extensive improvements to the Black River Pump Station and increases in total project cost. Renton. Some budget added back from acquisitions savings between 10/28 and 11/6
Black River Pump Station High-Use Engines	$727,085	$1,818,342	$1,818,342	$0	Updated construction forecast necessary to continue the first phase of renovations to the Black River Pump Station, replacing three pump engines. Renton.
Fort Dent Levee 2020 Repair	$58,092	$51,719	$51,719	$0	Cost change reflects updated estimate for project close-out.
Lower Green River Corridor Plan and Environmental Impact Statement	$466,926	$25,000	$25,000	$0	Cost change reflects 2027 estimate for staff participation in FCD-led effort.
Green River 2025 Damage Repair Mitigation	$200,000	$25,000	$10,000	-$15,000	Reduces level of effort to minimum necessary to keep the project moving forward. Additional reduction between 10/28 and 11/6 per FCD.
Sea Level Rise Adaptation Study	$400,000	$400,000	$100,000	-$300,000	Reduced per FCD in 11/6 version.
Snoqualmie River					
Dutchman Road Revetment Repair	$7,485,182	$50,000	$50,000	$0	Delays construction of bank repair providing flood risk reduction benefits to sole access road in the Snoqualmie River valley north of Duvall.
Lower Frew Levee Setback	$5,686,016	$50,000	$50,000	$0	Pauses design progress on levee setback project on Tolt River in Carnation. Will delay implementation and increase total cost.
Pump Station Revetment Repair	$286,760	$286,760	$286,760	$0	Sustains 2027 available budget to keep the project on schedule to provide flood risk reduction benefits to public infrastructure in the City of Snoqualmie.
Stossel Revetment Major Repair	$154,356	$50,000	$50,000	$0	Cost change reflects the minimum necessary to advance the project to close-out. Additional funding may be required depending on close out costs. Snoqualmie River north of Carnation.
Snoqualmie River 2025 Damage Repair Mitigation	$200,000	$25,000	$10,000	-$15,000	Reduces level of effort to minimum necessary to keep the project moving forward. Additional reduction between 10/28 and 11/6 per FCD.
Cedar River					
Cedar River Trail 5 Revetment 2020 Repair	$3,376,522	$50,000	$50,000	$0	Delays construction of bank repair providing flood risk reduction benefits to SR 169. Unincorporated King County east of Renton.
Progressive Investment Levee Removal	$1,200,000	$50,000	$50,000	$0	Delays implementation of mitigation action required for Cedar River Trail 5 Revetment 2020 Repair. Unincorporated King County east of Renton.
Tabor-Crowall-Brodell Revetments 2020 Repair	$1,586,495	$835,033	$835,033	$0	Reduction in design expenditure expected to result in delay of repairs to revetments on the Cedar River protecting SR 169 and increases in total project cost. Renton.
Herzman to Camp Freeman	$402,178	$50,000	$50,000	$0	Reinitiate revetment repair project on the Cedar River protecting SE Jones Rd at a minimum level of effort to address a road haul agreement issue. Unincorporated King County east of Renton.
Cedar River Capital Investment Strategy Reprioritization	$125,000	$50,000	$50,000	$0	Reduces level of effort to minimum necessary to keep the project moving forward. Additional reduction between 10/28 and 11/6 per FCD direction.
Cedar River 2025 Damage Repair Mitigation	$200,000	$25,000	$10,000	-$15,000	Reduces level of effort to minimum necessary to keep the project moving forward. Additional reduction between 10/28 and 11/6 per FCD.
Sammamish River					
Fish Passage Enhancements at Willows Run Tributary			$275,000	$275,000	Project added to meet permit requirements from 2025 sinkhole repair. This mitigation project must be complete by Fall 2030 per the permit.
Sammamish River Capital Investment Strategy	$270,143	$50,000	$50,000	$0	Reduces level of effort to minimum necessary to keep the project moving forward.
Issaquah Creek					
Issaquah Creek Capital Investment Strategy	$50,277	$50,000	$50,000	$0	No substantive change; allows re-initiation of project.
White River					
Pacific Right Bank Flood Protection Project	$2,742,375	$2,000,000	$2,344,526	$344,526	Reduction in design expenditure expected to result in delay of flood risk reduction benefits and landfill clean-up in the City of Pacific and increases in total project cost. Some budget added back from acquisitions savings between 10/28 and 11/6
Countyline to A Street Levee Setback	$184,424	$50,000	$50,000	$0	Reduces scope to level of effort necessary to keep LOMR process moving; necessary for Pacific Right Bank Flood Protection Project.
White River 2025 Damage Repair Mitigation	$200,000	$25,000	$10,000	-$15,000	Reduces level of effort to minimum necessary to keep the project moving forward. Additional reduction between 10/28 and 11/6 per FCD.
White River Capital Investment Strategy	$300,000	$150,000	$150,000	$0	Reduces level of effort; still allows project initiation.
White River Levee Improvements Feasibility Study	$300,000	$150,000	$150,000	$0	Reduces level of effort; still allows project initiation.
White River Urgent Flood Risk Reduction	$4,000,000	$2,700,000	$3,700,000	$1,000,000	Increase between 10/28 and 11/6 is for an unanticipated additional $1M for flood barrier alignment upstream of A street.
Countywide					
Technical Studies	$1,706,000	$950,000	$950,000	$0	Will require pausing one or more floodplain mapping or channel migration zone studies.
Flood Program Effectiveness Monitoring	$1,570,866	$750,000	$750,000	$0	Reduces level of effort on monitoring program. Expected to result in delay to completion of regulatorily required monitoring reporting.
2025-2026 Flood Damage Repair Program			$100,000	$100,000	Added between 10/28 and 11/6 to create budget for planning for next round of December 2025 flood repairs. Five sites on Cedar River have been prioritized.
PL84-99 Easement Initiative	$1,610,000	$825,000	$300,000	-$525,000	Change reflects improved understanding of the work involved, and WLRD decision to perform most work in-house instead of using consultants. Further reduction between 10/28 and 11/6 per FCD.
Central Charges	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$0	No change.
Flood Emergency Contingency	$1,311,734			$0	
Road Services Division					
Norman Creek Up Stream 2024 Culvert Replacement	$870,101	$251,320	$0	-$251,320	Zeroing out project between 10/28 and 11/6 per FCD direction
264th Avenue NE at SR202 Flood Reduction	$540,000	$240,000	$0	-$240,000	Zeroing out project between 10/28 and 11/6 per FCD direction
Snoqualmie Valley Feasibility Study	$799,808	$50,000	$0	-$50,000	Zeroing out project between 10/28 and 11/6 per FCD direction
Charlie Jones Downstream Culvert Repair	$1,230,161	$1,118,848	$0	-$1,118,848	Zeroing out project between 10/28 and 11/6 per FCD direction
Total	$46,683,249	$17,770,872	$17,634,280		

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Sponsor: Dunn

[M. Clark]

Proposed No.: FCD2026-11

STRIKING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED RESOLUTION FCD2026-11,

VERSION 1

On page1, beginning on line 4, strike everything through page 7, line 115, and insert:

" WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 86.15.140, the King County Flood Control Zone District ("the District") held a public hearing on the proposed 2027 budget of the District on November 10, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors ("the Board") desires to adopt the King County Flood Control Zone District's 2027 budget, and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 15728, the King County council adopted the District's initial comprehensive plan of development for flood and stormwater control, which is titled "2006 King County Flood Hazard Management Plan," and by Resolution FCD2011-05.1, the District Board amended the initial plan to include a project in the city of Seattle (collectively, "the District Comprehensive Plan"), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 86.15.110, the Board must approve by resolution all flood control and storm water control improvements, prior to the extension, enlargement, acquisition or construction of such improvements, and

WHEREAS, RCW 85.15.110, further provides that such approval resolution must state whether the improvements are to be extended, enlarged, acquired or constructed;

state that the comprehensive plan has been adopted; state that the improvements generally contribute to the objectives of the comprehensive plan; state that the improvements will benefit the county as a whole; state the estimated costs of the improvements; and identify the data supporting the estimated costs, and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the District has implemented countywide flood risk reduction policies and projects protecting life and property of King County residents while advancing various benefits including equity and social justice, sustainable livelihoods, habitat protection, salmon recovery, recreation, and resilient communities, and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to continue addressing flood risk county-wide through a "worst-first" paradigm balancing risk, severity, and consequence of a flood risk, and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve improvements in the District's 2027 budget that are not in the District Comprehensive Plan, or that have been modified by the District's 2027 budget, in accordance with RCW 85.15.110;

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

SECTION 1. The Board hereby adopts the 2027 Budget for the District, as set forth in Attachments A ("Work Program"), B ("2027 Annual Budget"), C ("2027 Annual Operating Budget"), D ("2027 Annual Capital Budget"), E ("2027 - 2032 Six-Year CIP"), F ("2027 Annual District Oversight Budget"), G ("2027 Subregional Opportunity Fund Allocations"), and H ("2027 - 2032 Six-Year CIP Project Allocations") to this resolution; provided that King County, or other jurisdictions contracted to implement projects, shall

submit predesign reports for capital projects to the District executive director, and shall seek approval from the District executive director of project charters. Furthermore, King County and other service providers as appropriate shall provide to the District executive director communications and outreach plans for authorization to implement, thirty percent design project reports for authorization to proceed to sixty percent design, sixty percent design project reports for authorization to proceed to ninety percent design, and ninety percent design project reports for authorization to proceed to one hundred percent design.

SECTION 2. The Board approves the extension, enlargement, acquisition, or construction, as applicable, of the improvements that are included in the District Comprehensive Plan, that are included in the District Comprehensive Plan but have been modified by Attachments C, D, and H to this resolution, or that are not included in the District Comprehensive Plan but are identified in Attachments C, D, and H to this resolution (collectively, "the Improvements"). The District Comprehensive Plan includes the streams or water courses upon which the Improvements will be enlarged, extended, acquired, or constructed. The Board determines that the Improvements generally contribute to the objectives of the District Comprehensive Plan and will be of benefit to the county as a whole.

SECTION 3. The estimated costs of the Improvements are stated in Attachments C, D, and H to this resolution and the supporting data for the estimated costs are on file with the director of the King County water and land resources division.

SECTION 4. For the Improvements that will be constructed, preliminary engineering studies and plans either have been prepared or will be prepared, and have

been filed or will be filed, with the director of the King County water and land resources division.

SECTION 5. The Board desires to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with King County to bond for capital project delivery. The Board directs the Executive Committee to oversee the negotiation of this Interlocal Agreement. The Executive Director shall keep the Board members updated on the progress of these negotiations in a monthly report, or more frequently if necessary.

SECTION 6. The Board desires to finance emergency expenditures via a low-interest loan through the King County Investment Pool if necessary because of a declared flood emergency.

SECTION 7. The Board directs the Executive Committee to analyze the District's current and future financial forecasts and make recommendations to the Board by July 15th related to:

a. Legislative Priorities of the District;

b. Creating a District deficit spending policy;

c. District capital project reprioritization, including an evaluation of the current 6-year CIP based on a risk, severity, consequence paradigm to ensure budget transparency, clarity, and accountability;

d. Expediting capital project delivery and removing barriers to the implementation of capital projects;

e. Increasing transparency and accountability related to project delivery from all District service providers;

f. Aligning current and future District expenditures with anticipated revenue;

g. Updating District acquisition policy; and

h. Updating District grant programs and grant program administration.

SECTION 8. The Board directs the District executive director to continue to implement flood risk reduction policies and projects countywide that protect life and property of King County residents while advancing multiple benefits including equity and social justice, sustainable livelihoods, habitat protection, salmon recovery, recreation, and resilient communities.

SECTION 9. The Board directs District executive director to work with King County water and land resources division to provide a quarterly report on the progress of the Sammamish River Capital Investment Strategy to interested stakeholders.

SECTION 10. The Board directs the District executive director to provide members of the District Advisory Committee with regular reports on capital and financial projections, including additional information on the "right-sizing" process for expenditure projections for all District service providers.

SECTION 11. The Board directs the District executive director to develop a King County Flood Control District Strategic Plan. The District executive director will work with experts, including members of the District Advisory Committee, Joint Basin Technical Committee, and representatives from King County water and land resources division. The Strategic Plan shall be based on a risk, severity, consequence paradigm.

SECTION 12. The Board directs the District executive director to develop a Lower Green River Corridor Plan and Capital Investment Strategy as outlined in FCD24-03 based on so-called Alternative Three of the Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard Management Plan Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. The District

executive director will continue to work with experts, including representatives from King County water and land resources division.

SECTION 13. The Board directs the District executive director and King County to work collaboratively to aggressively pursue grant and other funding opportunities for District multi-benefit projects, including, but not limited to the Lower Frew Levee Setback project.

SECTION 14. The Board directs all District services providers to provide a monthly report to the District executive director on the status of projects that service provider is implementing on behalf of the District. The format of the monthly report shall be provided to all District service providers by the District executive director.

SECTION 15. The District directs King County to implement the Selected Alternative, so-called Alternative X, for the Pacific Right Bank Levee Setback Project located on the White River in the City of Pacific.

SECTION 16. The Board directs King County to demolish the improvements to and otherwise maintain the properties purchased with District funds as part of the King County and District property acquisition programs as soon as practicable after the closing of each property.

SECTION 17. The Board directs King County to provide a report on alternative capital project delivery. The report shall include a description of the delivery mechanisms evaluated, the recommended list of prioritized repair sites and associated District funds intended to be spent in 2027 not to exceed $400,000, and a recommendation on whether to employ the traditional Design-Bid-Build approach, the Progressive Design-Build approach, some other mechanism as yet unknown, or a combination of options for the

2025-2026 flood damage repairs. The report shall be transmitted to the District by May 3, 2027.

SECTION 18. The Board directs King County to provide a report related to technological upgrades to the Flood Warning Center. This report shall include identifying the additional costs associated with implementation and long-term database coordination and administration in partnership with King County unifying the hydrologic data system, reducing costs, and improving efficiency, necessary to incorporate information from additional sources including, but not limited to, data from the Floodzilla gauges used in the Snoqualmie Basin. This report shall be transmitted to the District by May 3, 2027.

SECTION 19. Section 3.5 of the interlocal agreement between the District and King County provides a process allowing King County to modify or reprioritize capital projects in the District's approved annual budget and workplan. King County shall notify the District executive director and Board Chair in writing of the proposed modification or reprioritization, providing background information on, and the rationale for, the proposed change, including estimated applicable costs. The proposed modification or reprioritization must be approved by either the Board or the District Executive Committee if the Board has authorized the Executive Committee to approve modifications or reprioritizations. King County's notifications to the District executive director and Board Chair shall include information regarding variations within project budgets of more than twenty percent in the "acquisition," "design," "construction,"

"contingency" and "total" expenditure categories, shown on Attachment D to this resolution.

Strike Attachment A ("Work Program"), dated 9-9-2026, B ("2027 Annual Budget"), dated 9-9-2026, C ("2027 Annual Operating Budget"), dated 9-9-2026, D ("2027 Annual Capital Budget"), dated 9-9-2026, E ("2027 - 2032 Six-Year CIP"), dated 9-9-2026, F ("2027 Annual District Oversight Budget"), dated 9-9-2026, G ("2027 Subregional Opportunity Fund Allocations"), dated 9-9-2026, and H ("2027-2032 Six-Year CIP Project Allocations"), dated 9-9-2026,

EFFECT prepared by Michelle Clark: expresses the District's intent to use a low-interest loan from the King County Investment Pool if necessary to finance future emergency repairs; directs the District Executive Committee to make recommendations to the Board related to the District's current and future financial forecasts, including District legislative priorities, creating a District deficit spending policy, District capital project reprioritization, including an evaluation of the current 6-year CIP based on a risk, severity, consequence paradigm to ensure budget transparency, clarity, and accountability, expediting capital project delivery and removing barriers to the implementation of capital projects, increasing transparency and accountability related to project delivery from all District service providers, aligning current and future District expenditures with anticipated revenue, updating District acquisition policy, and updating District grant programs and grant program administration; directs the District executive director and King County to aggressively pursue grant and other funding opportunities for District

multi-benefit projects, including the Lower Frew Levee Setback project; directs the District Executive Committee to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with King County related to the issuance of debt financing to accelerate project delivery; directs the District executive director to develop a King County Flood Control District Strategic Plan; directs King County to provide a report related to alterative capital project delivery methods (Attachment H, Line _____, $100K); technological upgrades to the Flood Warning Center; funds Fish Passage Enhancements at Willows Run Tributary (Attachment H, Line _____, $275K).

KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	8	**Name:**	Steven Schauer
Proposed Legislation:	FCD2026-13	**Date:**	November 10, 2026

FCD2026-13: A RESOLUTION amending the interlocal agreement between King County and the King County Flood Control Zone District to extend its term.

The King County Flood Control Zone District (the District) and King County (the County) have entered into an Interlocal Agreement between King County and King County Flood Control Zone District Regarding Flood Protection Services (the ILA). The current ILA was entered into on January 1, 2022, and currently expires January 1, 2027, and includes a clause for a two-year extension based on mutual agreement of the parties.

The District and County desire to continue to operate under the terms of the ILA until a new one can be negotiated and adopted. This resolution is for the First Amendment to the ILA between the District and County, extending the ILA to January 1, 2029.

Approval of this resolution does not change the District's approved budget.