

# KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Board of Supervisors Working Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

September 22, 1998

1 **Supervisors Present:** Susan Schmoll, Chair; Kim Marousek, Member; Chris Tiffany, Member;  
2 Pat Brewington, Member

3 **Guests Present:** Laurie Clinton, King County; John Lombard, King County; George Jaqish,  
4 USDA Farm Services Administration; Eric Frimodt, District Attorney

5 **Staff Present:** Sandi Krenkel, Steve Heacock, Geoff Reed, Rick Blanke, Lyle Stoltman

6 **NRCS:** Joe Henry, District Conservationist

7 The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. Susan Schmoll, Chair presided.

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#### 9 **Public Comment:**

10 George Jaqish presented information on the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program  
11 (CREP). He said that landowners with erodible lands or containing streams and wetlands were  
12 eligible to participate and that the program is intended to increase economic incentives for  
13 landowners to idle these properties. One site in King County, owned by Barbara Brown and  
14 another in Pierce County are being presently considered for eligibility in the program. Final  
15 program guidelines are still being drafted. The Washington Conservation Commission will be  
16 the lead agency for the state of Washington.

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#### 18 **Budget Issues:**

19 Chris Tiffany, chairperson of the Budget Committee presented a report on the current situation at  
20 the District. She also presented a Resolution entitled Budget Amendment Number 3 for  
21 consideration to modify the 1998 budget. There was discussion regarding several budget items  
22 and the need to change them. The Resolution to accept the revised 1998 budget per Budge  
23 Amendment Number 3 was moved by Chris Tiffany and seconded by Kim Marousek. There was  
24 no further discussion and the Resolution was unanimously accepted. The Resolution was  
25 subsequently assigned number 98-15.

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27 John Lombard inquired if the District had acted upon Nancy Hanson's request for the District to  
28 return King County's share of the 1997 assessment funds and Steve Heacock, acting manager,  
29 said that he had not done so yet.

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31 There was discussion on the issue of the District verifying services and cash that it had expended  
32 for several cities during the period of 1994 through 1998 to account for these cities' share of the  
33 assessment funds. Sandi Krenkel said verification was needed in the proper form to satisfy the  
34 requirements of the state auditor's office. Susan Schmoll, Chair, directed Steve Heacock to  
35 contact all member cities of the District initially by telephone and with a follow-up letter to  
36 obtain the needed verifications. John Lombard volunteered to assist Steve Heacock with  
37 developing an effective method of contact and this was accepted by the Board of Supervisors.

38 John Lombard stated that the District needed to present its 1998 budget to the King County  
39 Budget Committee at its October 14, 1998 meeting. The budget would need to demonstrate the  
40 District's continuing commitment and ability to perform farm planning functions.

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42 The Board moved into Executive Session at 5:17 pm. The regular meeting was reconvened at  
43 5:45 pm.

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45 Chris Tiffany moved that the Chair be authorized to enter into the settlement agreement  
46 discussed in Executive Session. Kim Marousek seconded the motion. After no additional  
47 discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

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49 The following items were added to the agenda: Board review of the Robert and Janet Baker  
50 Department of Ecology interest-free dairy loan; confirmation of the Board minutes for the  
51 meetings on June 2, June 16, August 11, and August 18.

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53 Chris Tiffany moved that the 4 sets of meeting minutes be approved with one motion. Susan  
54 Schmoll asked that they be separately approved after discussion on each set. Kim Marousek  
55 asked for additional discussion on the August 18 minutes. Chris Tiffany changed her motion to  
56 approve the minutes for the June 2, June 16, and August 11 meetings. Kim Marousek seconded  
57 the motion and it was passed unanimously. After discussion on the minutes for the August 18  
58 meeting, it was decided to table the discussion until later in the meeting. At that later time, after  
59 additional discussion, Chris Tiffany moved that the minutes for the August 18, 1998 meeting be  
60 approved and Pat Brewington seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was  
61 passed unanimously.

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63 **KCD Policy on the Municipal and Watershed Grants**

64 Steve Heacock passed out a draft KCD Policy and draft Resolution 96-08 but did not request  
65 action on these items during the meeting. These items concern the District's policy on King  
66 County's use of the Regional Watershed Assessment funds for land purchases and also the  
67 timing of the District's fiscal year as stipulated in the assessment authorizing the RWA program  
68 funding. John Lombard stated that the cities would not want to have to pass resolutions through  
69 their city councils to ask for their share of the assessment funds and Heacock said he would look  
70 into changing the wording of the Policy to reflect this. There was discussion on the county use of  
71 RWA funds being restricted to land purchases only for improvement or protection of lands for  
72 fish and wildlife habitat. John Lombard said that certain purchases would be used for water  
73 quality improvement projects in some of the watersheds. Chris Tiffany will draft a revised  
74 Resolution on this issue at the October 13, 1998 Board meeting. Pat Brewington also reported  
75 that the Snoqualmie River Watershed Forum would like to hear a presentation from the Board at  
76 the Forum's October 7, 1998 meeting.

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79 **Conservation Commission Appointed Position on the Board**

80 There was discussion on the Board recommending one of two candidates to the Washington  
81 Conservation Commission to fill the currently vacant Board-appointed seat. After discussion, the  
82 Board decided to allow the Commission to appoint the candidate.

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84 **Baker Loan Request**

85 Sandi Krenkel reported that \$120,000 of the \$300,000 under the Department of Ecology Dairy  
86 Loan Program has been allocated to projects. Robert and Janet Baker filed an application for a  
87 loan of \$30,000 which Joe Henry reported would be used to construct a manure lagoon and  
88 purchase equipment for applying manure to fields. The Bakers meet the criteria of the Mt.  
89 Rainier National Bank for receiving a loan. Kim Marousek moved that the Bakers be granted the  
90 loan under the DOE program. Pat Brewington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously  
91 after no additional discussion.

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93 **Memorandum of Agreement between King Conservation District and Snohomish**  
94 **Conservation District**

95 Geoff Reed reported that the District and the Snohomish CD are exploring a project to install and  
96 monitor hedgerows under a Department of Ecology grant. Snohomish would supply one full-  
97 time person while the District would supply ¼ of a FTE. The District would not be required to  
98 supply any matching funds. The grant would pay for the ¼ FTE's salary with no additional  
99 payments for overhead, etc. The MOA was presented for informational purposes only. Chris  
100 Tiffany suggested that the District's attorney review the MOA's termination clause to exactly  
101 determine District liability in case it had to withdraw from the grant. Susan Schmoll suggested  
102 that the attorney draft a standard termination clause that the District could utilize in all such  
103 grants.

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105 **Annual District Banquet**

106 Steve Heacock reported that October 20, 21, and 22 are the dates being explored to hold the  
107 annual banquet at a currently undetermined location. The staff will recommend award recipients  
108 by the October 13 Board meeting.

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110 **Treasurer's Report**

111 Chris Tiffany report that URP has been advanced \$9000 by the District. The checking account at  
112 U.S. Bank will remain open until all checks written on it have cleared. Chris Tiffany moved that  
113 the Board ratify all checks written to cover September expenses. Kim Marousek seconded the  
114 motion and it passed unanimously after no further discussion.

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116 **King County Agricultural Commission Grant**

117 Geoff Reed was directed by the Board to prepare a tentative budget for administering this grant  
118 for the October 13, 1998 Board meeting. At this time, the Board will review the budget and  
119 determine whether it is in the interests of the District to complete the grant application by its  
120 deadline of October 27, 1998.

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122 **NRCS Report**

123 Joe Henry presented the NRCS report (enclosed).

124 **Manager's Report**

125 Steve Heacock reported that the District had been receiving more Department of Ecology  
126 warning letters being sent to King County dairy producers. He presented information on the  
127 CREP program. The City of Kent is dedicating a natural area in October and welcomes the  
128 participation of the Board. WACD nominations for state awards are due in October. There was  
129 discussion regarding having the county assessor add parcels within North Bend and Snoqualmie,

130 the new member cities of the District, to the county tax rolls for purposes of the assessment;  
131 Heacock reported that this had been done by letter. There was discussion on pursuing additional  
132 Commission grant funds under the Information Specialist Grant; Heacock said he would  
133 investigate and report his findings.

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135 **KCD/NRCS/URP Agreement**

136 There was discussion on extending the NCD/NRCS agreement until the end of 1998. An  
137 amendment to extend the agreement and allow closing grants was presented. Chris Tiffany  
138 moved that Susan Schmoll, Chair, be authorized by the Board to sign the agreement. Pat  
139 Brewington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously after no further discussion.

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141 **Future Agenda Topics:**

142 Discussions on the Watershed Grants, Nominations for the annual banquet, initial discussions on  
143 the 1999 budget.

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145 **Old Business:**

146 Kim Marousek had previously volunteered to sit on the Budget committee and was appointed to  
147 it.