

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2005

1 **Supervisors Present:** Max Prinsen, Chair, Matt Livengood, Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Gelb,
2 Member, Bobbi Lindemulder, Member.

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Bill Knutsen

4 **Guests Present:** Sara Hemphill, Sustainable Solutions, Elizabeth Butler, Judith Noble, Seattle
5 Public Utilities

6 **Staff Present:** Geoff Reed, Brandy Reed, Roseanne Campagna

7 **NRCS Staff Present:** None

8 Chair Prinsen called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

9 The July 2005 Minutes were reviewed for the regular meeting on the 13th and Special Session
10 on the 27th. Lindemulder said she did not meet with Joanna Ritchie– just talked on the phone.

11 **Livengood moved, Lindemulder seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the July**
12 **13th, 2005 meeting minutes subject to the correction mentioned by Lindemulder.**

13 **Gelb moved, Livengood seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the July 27th**
14 **2005 Special Session minutes as presented.**

15 Gelb asked to add an item on the agenda for the Natural Resource Inventory and Prinsen agreed.

16 The Board reviewed the Envirothon proposal for hosting the 2006 state event. Campagna
17 answered questions regarding costs and logistics.

18 **Lindemulder moved, Livengood seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to offer to host**
19 **the state Envirothon competition in May of 2006.**

20 District non-competitive grant applications were presented and discussed.

21 B. Reed presented the SPU Fauntleroy Restoration project. Judith Noble from SPU offered to
22 give a short presentation on the project. This restoration project was designed to add to existing
23 efforts and the District was requested to fund pre-construction planning, design and permits.
24 Noble presented a map, photos and supporting documents regarding the proposal. Butler
25 answered some questions from the Board as she is a property owner on the creek and a member
26 of the local watershed group. Further questions followed including the type and kind of permits
27 that could be problematic for the proposed timeline.

28 B. Reed asked about who would be the actual recipient of the grant and Judith said that SPU
29 would be the applicant. The board asked about obtaining some kind of conservation easement
30 on the property and Butler agreed to do a letter of intent to enter into a conservation easement.

31 **Gelb Moved, Livengood Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City of**
32 **Seattle non-competitive grant application for \$19,300 from 2004 Assessments for the Seattle**
33 **Public Utilities/Fauntleroy Watershed Council Fauntleroy Creek Restoration Project.**

34 The City of Renton non-competitive grant applications were reviewed. Renton is proposing a
35 culvert removal project to improve fish habitat and flows. B. Reed outlined their proposal to the
36 Board. Prinsen asked about the project cost which seemed a bit high to him. A further discussion
37 ensued as to culvert costs.

38 **Livengood Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the**
39 **City of Renton non-competitive grant application for \$55,084.85 from 2002-2005**
40 **Assessments for the City of Renton SW 34th Street Culvert Replacement Project.**

41 The Black River channel native plant restoration project was reviewed. B. Reed outlined the
42 scope of the project, and how it is to be used for match as part of a KC Waterworks grant on the
43 Black River channel. Discussion ensued about grant matches and how they work. Knutsen asked
44 about maintenance and discussion ensued on how key maintenance and monitoring is to a
45 successful project.

46 **Gelb Moved, Livengood Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the City of**
47 **Renton non-competitive grant application for \$4,869 from 2002 Assessments for the City of**
48 **Renton Black River Channel Native Vegetation Plant Restoration Project, and to request that**
49 **the period of time for maintenance of the project be extended.**

50 **Livengood Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the**
51 **City of Redmond Bear Creek Property Acquisition Project grant agreement, revising the**
52 **scope of work and budget as submitted, and approving the return of \$30,000 in grant**
53 **funds.**

54 **Livengood Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the**
55 **City of Bellevue Stream Team Stewardship and Enhancement Project grant agreement,**
56 **revising the budget submitted and extending the project completion date to December 31,**
57 **2006.**

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59 **Bellevue 2003 Salmon Spawner Surveys grant agreement, revising the scope of work as**
60 **submitted as submitted and extending the project completion date to June 30, 2005.**

61 The King County Snoqualmie Agricultural Protection District Project is proposing an extended
62 completion date as well as some modified activities concerning improved outreach to the
63 landowners. Knutsen said that not many livestock owners are eager to participate yet.

64 Discussion ensued as to the progress of utilizing the cost share funds available for fencing and
65 planting along the Snoqualmie River. Prinsen thought the proposal should be tabled until more
66 info can be gathered as to why the project seems to be floundering. The grant amendment
67 request was not approved and the Board directed staff to invite King County to attend the
68 September board meeting to discuss the status of the project and provide additional information
69 to the Board.

70 The King County Big Spring Creek Grant Project amendment was reviewed. B. Reed outlined
71 the revised scope of work they are requesting. B. Reed recommended the District cancel the
72 project and have King County resubmit a new grant as the project is now completely different.
73 The Board did not approve the request for revision and a new grant should be written and the old
74 one canceled.

75 **Gelb Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to instruct staff to**
76 **request that King County submit a new Non-Competitive grant for its Big Spring Creek**
77 **project.**

78 G. Reed presented a draft of the KCD annual meeting agenda for review and comment. The
79 activities include a guest presenter, staffing an information table, several demonstrations, a
80 review of KCD project highlights, and KCD awards.

81 Gelb reviewed progress to date on the KCD Natural Resource Inventory and Monitoring (NRIM)
82 project. A draft document was routed to the Board, and Michael Jensen, consultant working
83 with the District on this project, provided an overview of the document and its purpose. The
84 document is a rough draft that would be distributed to various potential partners on the project in
85 order to solicit feedback on the proposal and adapt the project so that an NRIM could be
86 implemented in partnership with other local entities. The document provides an overview of the
87 project, identifies the data sets included in the NRIM, describes an analysis of the data as a
88 District tool that would be used to direct District activities, programs, and initiatives, and
89 describes a publicly available internet based GIS tool. Prinsen requested a description of the
90 agencies currently targeted in outreach efforts associated with the project. Jensen replied the
91 King County was the primary contact to date. Gelb noted that Nature Conservancy data would
92 likely be included in the NRI as well as other nonprofit organizations. Gelb also emphasized
93 that the draft document would be used to market and recruit public and private sector data sets
94 for inclusion in the District NRIM. Gelb requested the Board provide comments on the current
95 draft of the document, and outlined the next steps. The current timeline is to complete the
96 booklet and conduct outreach to various agencies and nonprofits by late September. Following
97 this effort, a prototype GIS based NRIM will be developed based on a limited number of data
98 sets. Prinsen requested the addition of an element in the NRIM that would include critical
99 natural resource management concerns that may not be evident in existing data sets. Gelb noted
100 the NRIM is intended to be a status report. Complementary efforts the District will need to
101 undertake in addition to the NRIM are the identification of the agents and threats that are driving
102 the natural resource concerns, and an outline of District actions that are a response to these

103 driving factors. The goal of these this total effort will be to understand change in natural
104 resources over time and initiatives that should be untaken in response.

105 B. Reed presented the financial report, as the Finance Manager was not in attendance. The list of
106 checks for July were reviewed by the board.

107 **Gelb Moved, Livengood Seconded; Passed a motion to approve check numbers 8654 -8704**
108 **in the amount of \$109,002.**

109 The balance sheet was distributed along with the budget tracking report. 42 percent of the year
110 remains with 64 percent of the annual budget remaining. However, not all expenses track evenly
111 throughout the year. Discussion ensued on a few line items including computer costs. The tape
112 drive used to back-up data on the District server needs to be replaced, but the cost associated
113 with this replacement will include new back-up software, a new operating system, and new tape
114 media bringing the estimated total to over \$4000. B.Reed proposed replacing the server now
115 instead of next year as the purchase of a new tape drive and associated software should
116 accompany the purchase of new server hardware to ensure adequate configuration and
117 compatibility. B.Reed offered to postpone installation of electricity at the WPC this year in
118 order to finance the purchase of a new server this year. The board thought it was a good idea as a
119 server is a priority. The District's need for possible increased data management was discussed
120 with relation to the NRIM project.

121 **Gelb Moved, Lindemulder Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the financial**
122 **report as presented.**

123 Prinsen asked Hemphill about her outreach activity in July. Discussion ensued on how our
124 assessment proposal in 2006 is being received by local politicians and the WRIAs. The districts
125 outreach and education efforts and plan regarding the proposed assessment was discussed.

126 Prinsen asked about the contracts for the 2 people working on the NRIM project.

127 **Livengood Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve**
128 **contracts for Michael Jensen and Jonathan Viray for the NRIM project.**

129 G.Reed asked the board to approve a contract with King County WLRD to hire them for water
130 quality monitoring work under the requirements of the Dept of Ecology SWAAT Grant. A brief
131 discussion ensued on what a QAPP is (Quality Assurance Performance Plan). Lindemulder
132 thought it was great if the county could do the work as it is a lot of work.

133 **Livengood Moved, Lindemulder Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the**
134 **QAPP contract for King County WLRD.**

135 G.Reed presented the board with a request letter from Farming and the Environment to help
136 sponsor the annual Vim Wright award.

137 **Lindemulder Moved, Livengood Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve \$250**
138 **toward sponsoring the Vim Wright award.**

139 There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

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142 Authorized Signature

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