

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2009

APPROVED

1 **Supervisors Present:** Bill Knutsen, Chair, Bob Vos, Vice Chair, Scott Wallace, Supervisor, David  
2 Irons, Supervisor, Preston Drew, Supervisor

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** None

4 **Staff Present:** Jeffrey Possinger, Susan Wermus, Jessica Saavedra, Brandy Reed, Jason  
5 Chambers, Marcie Myers, Ann Marie Magnochi, Josh Monaghan

6 **Guests Present:** Sara Hemphill, Sustainable Solutions, Jay Covington, WRIA 9 & City of  
7 Renton, Darlene Hamilton, citizen, David Batker and Brianna Lovell, Earth Economics, Bill  
8 Pelozza, WRIA 9 & City of Auburn, Kelly McLain Ardaal, City of Auburn, Mara Heiman,  
9 Auburn Mill Creek property owner, Don Davidson, WRIA 8 Chair & KCD Advisory Committee  
10 Member, Alex Morello, City of Kent

11 Chair Knutsen called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

12 PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

13 Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed. Possinger requested that #7 under New  
14 Business, Strategic Goals, Vision, and Values, be removed from the agenda. Vos requested that  
15 discussion of an additional Strategic Goal be added to New Business.

16 **Vos Moved; Irons Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the meeting agenda.**  
17 **(4 ayes, 0 nays)**

18 PUBLIC COMMENT:

19 Jay Covington provided his public comment. He voiced his opinion to the board that the KCD  
20 and WRIA partnership is a very positive one. The WRIsAs have received great benefit through  
21 the many grants and projects over the years through KCD. He is in favor of approval of AI 09-  
22 091, Earth Economics amendment request for additional funds and a revised scope of work. He  
23 has favorable working experiences with Earth Economics and he believes that approving this  
24 grant amendment is critical to implementing habitat management plans. He thanked the board  
25 for their time.

26 CONSENT AGENDA:

27 Vos requested that AI 09-137 – AI 09-140 be pulled from the Consent Agenda and added to New  
28 Business.

29 **Irons Moved, Vos Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to approve the consent agenda.**  
30 **(4 ayes, 0 nays)**

*“Promoting sustainable uses of natural resources  
through responsible stewardship”*

31 PRESENTATIONS:

32 Ann Marie Magnochi, KCD Resource Planner, provided the board with a presentation on the  
33 Dairy Program. Josh Monaghan, KCD Lead Resource Planner provided initial context for the  
34 Dairy Program within the overall KCD Planning Program as a whole. Magnochi gave the board  
35 an overview of the program and the many components of a Livestock / Dairy Nutrient  
36 Management Plan: Introduction, Production, Collection, Treatment, Storage, Transfer,  
37 Utilization, Operation & Maintenance, and Appendices. Magnochi detailed the nature of the  
38 WSDA and KCD working relationship. She added that KCD is not a regulatory agency but is  
39 caught in a grey area of having to enforce state dairy regulations. The types of referrals for dairy  
40 plans are De Minimus (task specific, no technical assistance required), Technical Assistance  
41 (technical assistance required), Technical Review (NMP review required for specific item), and  
42 Plan Update (NMP update required). Magnochi briefed the board on the current status of King  
43 County dairies including how many there are today and the fact that many will likely stop  
44 producing within the year. The board asked questions regarding KCD's role with state  
45 regulation and regarding the future of King County dairies.

46 REGULARLY SCHEDULED ITEMS:

47 Possinger provided the Executive Director Report. A District Engineer has not yet been hired.  
48 The chosen candidate from the round of interviews several weeks back did not accept the  
49 position so now the position will be advertised again for a second round of applicants. WCC  
50 crews are coming on board for 2010. August budget adjustments, Gearing up for the FY 2010  
51 Annual Work Plan and Budget, and WSCC Grants for 2009-2011 are all on tonight's meeting  
52 agenda. The Assessment Package was filed with the King County Council Clerk on 7/31/09 and  
53 the package has been distributed to KCD stakeholders. Possinger and Knutsen met with Peter  
54 Lewis, SCA President, and Karen Goroski, SCA Executive Director recently. Possinger  
55 attended the WRIA 9 Groundbreaking "North Winds Weir" recently. Plans are in motion for a  
56 KCD Open House event for either 9/17 or 9/24. Plans are also underway for a November  
57 Annual Meeting / Regular Board Meeting.

58 Knutsen provided the Board Chair Report. Ed Zapel's recent water quality report has been  
59 completed for water quality monitoring efforts from last summer. Knutsen instructed the board  
60 to provide any comments electronically to Susan Wermus no later than the next board meeting,  
61 8/24. The Mason County lawsuit will be heard at the end of September.

62 Vos provided his report. Highway 169 is open again and he will lead another Adopt-a-Highway  
63 event. Vos hopes that KCD will get back to Martha Parker regarding the large woody debris  
64 issue from the 7/13 board meeting.

65 Wallace did not have a report.

66 Irons provided his report. He is working with staff and consultants on assessment renewal  
67 messaging and the rationale regarding approach changes.

68 Drew did not have a report.

69 There were no Subcommittee reports.

70 Possinger provided the Finance Manager report since Hamilton Lucas was unable to attend  
71 tonight's meeting. Possinger handed out the provided handouts prepared by Hamilton Lucas.  
72 The capital outlay line item includes the costs of moving the office. The printing line item looks  
73 to be over budget, but will even out once rain garden handbook grant funds are received.  
74 Hamilton Lucas will provide the 2009 budget adjustments information at the next board meeting.

75 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

76 Board attention turned to AI 09-075, City of Auburn Mill Creek Restoration Amendment  
77 Request for Additional Funds and a Revised Scope of Work. Mara Heiman, a Mill Creek  
78 property owner, provided her public comment at this time as she had concerns to voice regarding  
79 AI 09-075. She urged the board to ensure a better understanding of any affects AI 09-075 may  
80 have on area landowners, specifically regarding negative flooding impacts. She has witnessed  
81 significant mold issues in area citizen homes as a result of flooding. The board heard her  
82 concerns and comments and then turned their attention to comments from Bill Pelozza, WRIA 9  
83 and the City of Auburn. He stated that fish and agriculture can co-exist. Pelozza offered that  
84 although ditch cleaning in the area has not occurred by King County is some years there is some  
85 recent momentum on making ditch cleaning happen. Wallace believes that King County should  
86 allow landowners to clean their ditches. Vos offered that \$15-20,000 be added to the grant to  
87 flesh out potential landowner flooding affects as part of the project's conceptual design. Drew  
88 believes that potential landowner flooding affects should be taken into consideration. McLain-  
89 Ardaal explained to the board that the City of Auburn is committed to having landowners at the  
90 table throughout the project's progress. She is willing to talk with the Army Corps of Engineers  
91 if they seem untenable to landowner concerns. KCD funds would match the funding for the  
92 Army Corps. The City of Auburn wants stakeholders at the table other than the city and the  
93 Army Corps. Irons added that KCD has been invited to participate in the design review process  
94 and that we have to move forward on a decision on this grant request.

95 **Irons Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed a motion to amend the City of Auburn Mill Creek**  
96 **Restoration Project grant agreement, revising the budget as submitted, requesting**  
97 **\$180,000 in additional WRIA 9 funds from 2007-2008 Assessments, and extending the**  
98 **completion date to march 2010. [AI 09-075] (3 ayes, 2 nays – Drew and Vos)**

99 Chair Knutsen recessed the meeting at 7:34 pm and reconvened the meeting at 7:50 pm.

100 Board attention turned to AI 09-091, Earth Economics Amendment Request for Additional  
101 Funds and a Revised Scope of Work. David Batker from Earth Economics expressed his belief  
102 that there needs to be a fair system for paying for salmon restoration. He assured the board that  
103 Earth Economics looks at a wide range of ecosystem services and keeps in mind property owner  
104 concerns and needs. By approving this grant request, the board would not be approving a tax.  
105 Drew asked questions regarding potential taxing and the total costs involved in the effort. Batker

106 is confident that as a project result, there will be better water quality, less flooding, better salmon  
107 habitat. Drew stated that he felt he could not vote in favor of the grant request in the current  
108 economic climate. Irons added that the board would not be approving a tax, but would be  
109 approving a grant and that WRIA 9 would have to jump through significant hoops to receive an  
110 approved tax. Irons believes it is worthwhile to analyze where funding will come from for future  
111 salmon restoration efforts. Vos asked Batker if he would take any differing approaches with this  
112 project as compared to the KCD Special Benefit Analysis that Earth Economics conducted in  
113 past years. Over the years, Wallace has seen water resources issues getting worse and believes  
114 that people need to come together in order to make the issue better. Drew asked that the minutes  
115 reflect that he ran for the KCD Supervisor position on a platform of fiscal responsibility.

116 **Irons Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed a motion to amend the Earth Economics**  
117 **Identifying a Funding Mechanism for Implementation of the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan**  
118 **Project grant agreement, revising the budget as submitted requesting an additional \$50,000**  
119 **in grant funds from 2008 Assessment, extending the completion date to January 31, 2010,**  
120 **and revising the scope of work as submitted. [AI 09-091] (3 ayes, 2 nays – Drew and Vos)**

121 NEW BUSINESS:

122 Board attention turned to AI 09-120, an MJ&WRIA Grant Application regarding the Downey  
123 Farmstead in Kent. Alex Morello with the City of Kent provided the board with an overview of  
124 the grant proposal and project. He handed out a map of the project plan. The project would  
125 create a fish side channel and would involve demolition of several structures. Drew asked why  
126 the project estimates that it will cost \$100,000 for the demolition portion. Morello responded  
127 that the bid at the time called for that amount and that it includes the removal of septic systems  
128 and power poles. Irons asked if the project included demolition of Frager Road and Morello  
129 responded that it does not. Vos added that the reason why he asked for this item to be pulled  
130 from the Consent Agenda is because the grant request does not include agricultural and drainage  
131 considerations. Morello added that the newly created side channel may have some positive  
132 affect for flooding storage. Drew said that he voted against AI 09-120 because the project does  
133 not require spending \$100,000.

134 **Vos Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the ---Green-Duwamish-CPS**  
135 **Watershed Forum grant application for \$100,000 from 2007 Assessments for the City of**  
136 **Kent, Public Works Department Downey Farmstead Restoration 2009 Project. [AI 09-120]**  
137 **(4 ayes, 1 nay – Drew)**

138 Board attention turned to AI 09-141, KCD LIP Application: Afia Menke, Upland Wildlife  
139 Habitat Management BMP. Reed provided the board with an overview of the Upland Wildlife  
140 Habitat Management BMP and proposed that a \$13,500 funding cap be put on this practice. This  
141 is the first applicant to apply for this practice and there is one more applicant on deck. She  
142 added that the LIP program is running out of funds. Knutsen requested costs of this BMP per  
143 square foot and / or per acre. Wallace recognizes that the LIP program is running out of money  
144 and offered that there may be more interest in the future for this practice. Drew said that he did

145 not see a need for upland game enhancement and that he sees a need for game control in the  
146 future. He added that forest thinning projects could have a more favorable wildlife benefit. Vos  
147 is concerned that funds are running out and he believes the biggest bang for the buck is in  
148 projects that cover multiple acres. Myers added that so far this year within the LIP program, 28  
149 applications have been processed and \$102,000 has been awarded. Also, a bulkhead project is in  
150 the works.

151 **Drew Moved; Irons Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the King Conservation District**  
152 **Landowner Incentive Program cost-share application for 10,125.00 from the 2009 budget**  
153 **for the Afia Menke, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management BMP. (contract number 2009-**  
154 **28 (Menke, C)) [AI 09-141] (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

155 Board attention turned to grant applications AI 09-137 – AI 09-140, pulled from the Consent  
156 Agenda.

157 Saavedra provided the board with an overview of AI 09-140 – Kent, Riverview Park Channel  
158 Restoration Design Plans. The grant is for the design of Riverview Park in Kent. Morello added  
159 that the project was stalled at bit due to staff changeover. Kent has received federal stimulus  
160 funding and in order to utilize the funding the contract has to be awarded by September 2010.  
161 Irons asked how much soil is planned to be moved and Morello responded 70,000 yards. Vos  
162 asked for Kent's motivations for the project and Morello responded that Kent would like to do  
163 their share for salmon restoration. Drew asked if there is a plan to measure results and Morello  
164 responded that monitoring and maintenance would be conducted for five years after project  
165 completion. Irons asked if the costs cover activities other than soil removal and Morello  
166 responded that the costs also include putting in gravel, replanting the area, and monitoring.  
167 Saavedra added that KCD would not be funding the plantings, but just the design. Drew said  
168 that the project is too expensive and is a waste of money.

169 **Wallace Moved; Irons Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the a Green-Duwamish-**  
170 **Central Puget Sound (WRIA 9) Watershed Forum grant application for \$250,000.00 from**  
171 **2005 or 2009 Assessments for the City of Kent, Public Works for the Riverview Park**  
172 **Channel Restoration Design Plans 2009 Project. [AI 09-140] (3 ayes, 2 nays – Vos and**  
173 **Drew)**

174 Saavedra provided the board with an overview of AI 09-137 – Woodinville, Stormwater Master  
175 Plan. She added that the bulk of funding would go towards contracted services. Drew believes  
176 this is a surface water management project and not a conservation project.

177 **Wallace Moved; Irons Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the City of Woodinville**  
178 **Member Jurisdiction grant application for \$54,693.00 from 1998-2009 Assessments for the**  
179 **City of Woodinville Stormwater Master Plan Project. [AI 09-137] (3 ayes, 1 nay – Drew, 1**  
180 **abstain - Vos)**

181 Saavedra provided the board with an overview of AI 09-138 - KCNWP, South Fork Snoqualmie  
182 Invasive Knotweed Control. Vos asked if KCD has a history of knotweed removal projects and

183 Reed responded that KCD has been involved with knotweed projects over at least the last 14  
184 years. She added that KCD works on specific knotweed removal projects while King County  
185 works on watershed system-wide knotweed eradication efforts.

186 **Wallace Moved; Irons Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the Snoqualmie Watershed**  
187 **Forum grant application for \$26,250.00 from 2009 Assessments for the King County**  
188 **Noxious Weed Program South Fork Snoqualmie Invasive Knotweed Control Project Phase**  
189 **2. [AI 09-138] (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

190 The board decided that the vote for AI 09-138 would also apply to AI 09-139 - KCNWP, Cedar  
191 River Coordinated Invasive Knotweed Control.

192 **Wallace Moved; Irons Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the Lake Washington Cedar**  
193 **Sammamish Watershed Forum grant application for \$57,850.00 from 2008 Assessments for**  
194 **the King County Noxious Weed Program Cedar River Coordinated Invasive Knotweed**  
195 **Control Project. [AI 09-139] (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

196 The board turned its attention to the topic of Goal Setting, Budget, and Work Plan Framework.  
197 Possinger pointed out that the newly approved Strategic Goals are up on the conference room  
198 wall now. He plans to have the District's Mission, Vision, Values, Goals, and Priorities to all be  
199 on the conference room wall in the near future. Over the next several meetings, we will work to  
200 identify the top priorities for 2010.

201 Board attention turned to AI 09-142, WSCC FY 2010 Grants. Reed informed the board that the  
202 WSCC grants are approved by the state legislature and then granted to conservation districts  
203 across the state. The three grants that KCD is eligible for are: livestock, CREP, and the "block  
204 grant" which is a conglomeration of previously categorized grants as Good Governance, Puget  
205 Sound and Implementation. The grants to KCD total \$185,000 and have the same scopes of  
206 work as have been for the past eight years.

207 **Drew Moved; Wallace Seconded, Passed a motion to approve the King Conservation**  
208 **District WCC FY 2010 Master Grant Application and associated scopes of work for the**  
209 **Livestock, CREP and Block grants; and authorize the Chair to sign the WCC FY 2010**  
210 **Master Grant Contract. [AI 09-142] (5 ayes, 0 nays)**

211 Chair Knutsen announced that the following agenda topics will be carried over to the next  
212 meeting: 2009 Budget Adjustments, 2010 Budget and Work Plan, and the Strategic Goals,  
213 Vision, and Values discussion.

214 Chair Knutsen announced the Board Subcommittee assignments as follows:

215 Program Development, Science, and Engineering – Vos and Wallace

216 Strategic Planning and Stakeholder Relations – Irons and Wallace

217 Grants – Knutsen and Vos

218 Administration and Budget – Irons and Drew

219 Board attention turned to discussion requested by Vos regarding the possible addition of an  
220 eighth strategic goal. The language presented was “to continually improve effectiveness of King  
221 CD operations to provide greater benefits with lower costs.” Irons said that he sees this  
222 statement as a priority rather than a goal. Vos said that the goal is meant to protect taxpayers.  
223 The board discussed how best to word the possible goal in order emphasis cost effectiveness as  
224 well as the definition of “King CD operations.” Chair Knutsen announced that this discussion  
225 would be continued in the Administration and Budget Subcommittee.

226 Board attention turned to discussion of meeting minutes policy. Possinger provided the board  
227 with a memo detailing possible policy parameters for board review. He pointed out the tension  
228 between employing very detailed minutes versus sparser minutes.

229 **Vos Moved, Irons Seconded, Passed unanimously a motion to adjourn the meeting. (5 ayes,**  
230 **0 nays)**

231 Chair Knutsen adjourned the meeting at 9:49 pm.

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Authorized Signature

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#### Summary of Motions

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