

**KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 09-007

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A POLICY ESTABLISHING FUNDING GUIDELINES AND COMMITMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2010-2014 ANNUAL WORKPLANS AND BUDGETS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 89.08.400(2), the District held six public hearings in May and June of 2009 for the purpose of taking public comment on the conservation priorities and programs that would be funded by the District through special assessments for natural resource conservation for the period from 2010 through 2014; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the requirements of RCW 89.08.400(2), and pursuant to its Interlocal Agreement with King County, the District conducted two special meetings with the District's Advisory Committee on June 30, 2009, and on July 23, 2009 for the purpose of gathering input and feedback from its stakeholders on a proposed system of assessments and the related Assessment Appropriation Plan and to provide the District's Board of Supervisors with the opportunity to consider the comments and information collected by the District regarding the proposed system of assessments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the requirements of RCW 89.08.400(2), the District conducted two (2) additional public hearings on July 13, and July 27, 2009 for the purpose of gathering additional public comments and information on a proposed system of assessments and to provide the District's Board of Supervisors with the opportunity to consider the comments and information collected by the District regarding the proposed system of assessments; and

WHEREAS, notices of the public hearings were posted and published in accordance with the requirements of RCW 89.08.400(2); and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of the public comments and information gathered and submitted to the District, and after careful consideration of the recommendations of the District's staff and consultants, the District is prepared to formally adopt a proposed system of assessments to fund the District's conservation activities and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the King Conservation District has come forward with a different approach to the development and submittal of its system of assessments, including but not limited to the development of an Assessment Appropriation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the King Conservation District has since 1994 worked with its member jurisdictions and other stakeholders in a cooperative way, which has included funding of grants programs for salmon habitat recovery and other conservation projects; and

WHEREAS, the King Conservation District has heard considerable feedback from its member jurisdictions and other stakeholders, who have voiced a concern about the funding levels to programs, specifically identified with the dedicated allocation of funds in previous assessment proposals, which are now incorporated into and included as part of an overarching system of assessments and Assessment Appropriations Plan without specific and independent allocations; and

WHEREAS, the King Conservation District intends to adopt a formal Annual Workplan and Budget for 2010, where decisions for the funding for certain programs and services of significant concern to these member jurisdictions and stakeholders are to be made; and

WHEREAS, the King Conservation District requested public comment via email from May 14, 2009 to July 24, 2009 prior to and after the release of the Draft Assessment Appropriation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the King Conservation District wishes to provide its member jurisdictions and other stakeholders with appropriate commitments to the funding of those programs and services of significant concern to them through the appropriate policy statements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the King Conservation District desires to formally establish a policy for the targeted levels of service to be set out in the FY 2010-2014 District Budget and Workplan.

BE IT NOW HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the King Conservation District, King County, Washington, as follows:

1. Provided that the District's System of Assessments for 2010-2014, including the Assessment Appropriation Plan is adopted in toto by the Metropolitan King County Council; then
2. That the following Funding Guidelines and Commitments for FY 2010, and as set out fully in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto, will immediately come into full force and affect from the date of adoption of the District's System of Assessments and Assessment Appropriation Plan by the Metropolitan King County Council.
3. All District resolutions, polices, and procedures are hereby modified, amended, and superceded to be in accord with this Resolution.
4. District staff are authorized and directed to perform and carry out the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors at a regular open public meeting held on Monday, July 27 2009.


Bill Knutsen, Chair

CERTIFICATE

I, David Irons, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors, King County, Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 09-007 of such Board, duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 27th day of July, 2009, signed by the members of such Board in attendance at such meeting and attested by myself in authentication of such adoption.



Secretary, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A

Funding Guidelines and Commitments for FY 2010 – 2014

2010

- With regard to the WRIA Forum Grant Programs, the District will continue to operate these District programs according to the Policies and Procedures that are currently in effect. These Policies and Procedures govern the way in which assessment funds for the WRIA Forum Grant Programs and the Member Jurisdiction Grant Programs are accounted for, administered, and the ways in which grants are evaluated and awarded. With regard to the Member Jurisdiction Grants Program, the District will continue to operate this program according to the Policies and Procedures that are currently in effect for those member jurisdictions that wish to continue to participate in the program.
- Funds that have been allocated as of December 31, 2009 for projects in partnership with member jurisdictions as part of the Member Jurisdiction Grants Program funded with previous years' assessment funding will continue to be available to member jurisdictions to use on future projects.
- Funding among the WRIA Forum Grants Programs and the Member Jurisdiction Grant Programs will be appropriated in the FY 2010 Budget at levels relatively proportionate to that of the 2007-2009 special assessment periods.
- The District will make every effort to provide stakeholders with early stage financial information on the FY 2010 Annual Work Plan and Budget.
- Specific budget amounts for District programs, projects, and initiatives will be determined by the Board of Supervisors as part of the FY 2010 Budget Process; consistent with the Funding Priorities set out in the Proposed System of Assessments and Assessment Appropriation Plan.

2011 through 2014

- Any changes to the WRIA Forum Grants Programs and the Member Jurisdiction Grant Programs, their policies and procedures, will only occur after the development of a formal proposal, where the District's stakeholders, including the District's Advisory Committee are fully engaged. The District will make reasonable efforts to coordinate with its partners in such a way to provide adequate time to make adjustments to their programs and budgets.