

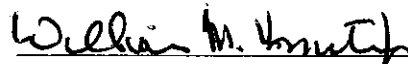
**KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-004**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT, KING COUNTY,  
WASHINGTON, FORWARDING RESOLUTION LANGUAGE  
TO WACD REGARDING DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the King Conservation District desires to formally establish recommended language, as provided in Exhibit A, for the Washington Association of Conservation Districts to consider pertaining to restoring Natural Resources Conservation Service funding to drainage maintenance.

ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors at a regular open public meeting held on September 13, 2010.

  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Title: Restore NRCS funding to drainage maintenance.

Problem: In rural/urban counties much of the remaining farm land is in floodplains and other areas to wet for other uses. For many years NRCS provided funding to farmers to **keep** those areas productive. The listing of salmon as endangered has greatly increased the cost of maintaining drainage structures. Additionally as adjacent lands have been converted to other uses the amounts of water those structures need to transport has increased exponentially. Urban county governments are busily writing standards that surpass farmers abilities to pay for maintenance. Fish removal, post construction sediment control, dewatering, buffer plantings and maintenance can run more than \$40 a lineal foot. There are also costs of permitting and knowing which agencies to contact creating the need to seek professional assistance in laying out the project.

Recommendation: That Wacd work with NRCS to revisit their priorities, making funding available to farmers to conduct drainage maintenance where it is required. Secondly that WACD work with all interested governmental entities to establish affordable BMPS for drainage maintenance that integrate the needs of habitat into the agricultural landscape.