

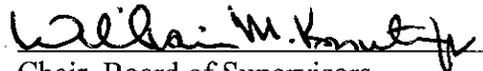
**KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-005**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, FORWARDING RESOLUTION LANGUAGE TO WACD REGARDING NRCS PLANTING PROJECT IN SNOQUALMIE VALLEY.

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 the Natural Resources Conservation Service planting project in the Snoqualmie Valley.

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

  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Resolution from King CD

Title: Inform before implementing!

Problem:

National Resource Conservation Service and a Snoqualmie valley farmer completed a Wetland Restoration Project in June. They followed the standard NRCS process which does not require public notice. This restoration planting is located at the narrowest part of the Snoqualmie River floodway.

There are drainage ditches adjacent to the restoration property that drain neighboring farmlands. Provision has been made for a drainage easement, however no provision has been made for the ditch maintenance. Of higher concern to the adjacent and down stream landowners is the mid and long term impact on the area hydrology once the plantings mature. It can be expected that the maturing vegetation will adversely affect the hydrology both in terms of increased volume and prolonged retention of flood waters ( the depth to which they rise and the rate at which they recede).

NRCS handled this landowner request in its standard manner which is structured to protect the privacy of the landowner. Thus there is no consultation with the local CD nor the local jurisdiction. Area residents noticed the large quantities of bare root plant material on the highway: it did not consult with Neither Snohomishcd or Kingcd nor their respective county governments was made aware of this planting before farmers in the community erupted in anger. Countless hours have been spent in an attempt to address the justified fears of the community.

Recommendation:

That WACD and WSCC work with NRCS to develop tools to notify communities where they intend to implement resource activities. These actions should include but not be limited to flyers or mail outs which provide a place to make comment, a provision for public hearings, and doorbelling neighbors. NRCS should also be able to provide modelings of the project that demonstrate there will be no negative impacts.