

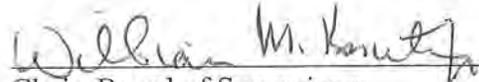
**KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-006**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, PROPOSING WSCC COST-SHARE POLICY REVISION.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the King Conservation District desires to formally advance a resolution for consideration by the WACD membership at its Northwest Area meeting proposing the WSCC revise its cost-share policy to return to 75% cost-share for in-stream riparian enhancement practices.

ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors at a regular open public meeting held on October 11, 2010.

  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Max Prinsen, 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. 10-006 of such Board, duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on October 11, 2010, signed by the members of such Board in attendance at such meeting and attested by myself in authentication of such adoption.

  
Auditor, Board of Supervisors

## WACD NW Area Meeting Resolution Proposal

Title: Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) Cost-Share Ratios for In-Stream and Riparian Area Enhancement Practices

Problem:

The cost-share ratios for in-stream and riparian area enhancement practices implemented on non-CREP properties have been changed from 75% to 50%. The practices affected by the change in policy include Hedgerow Planting (NRCS Standard No. 422), Riparian Forest Buffer (NRCS Standard No. 391), Wetland Enhancement (NRCS Standard No. 659), riparian buffer exclusion fencing for livestock (NRCS Standard No. 382), and off-stream watering for livestock (NRCS Standard No. 614).

The 2004 version of the Washington Conservation Commission Procedure Manual states the following with regard to cost-share ratios:

Location of Practice	Max Cost-Share from CC	Total CS from all including CC
In-Stream	75 percent	100 percent
Riparian	75 percent	100 percent
Upland	50 percent	75 percent

The manual further states that the limits in the table above were to be set separately by individual conservation district boards.

In contrast, the 2009-2011 Washington Conservation Commission Procedure Manual states the following with regard to cost-share ratios:

- *The Conservation Commission establishes the limit for cost share each fiscal year, for each grant program.*
- *75% reimbursement of total costs for Livestock Cost Share.*
- *50% reimbursement for all other programs, NO EXCEPTIONS.*
- *Excludes CREP and Irrigation Efficiencies.*

The change in cost-share ratio policy for in-stream and riparian area enhancement practices reflected in the current Washington Conservation Commission Procedure Manual limits the ability of conservation districts to provide landowners with sufficient incentive to implement in-stream and riparian area enhancement practices. The decreased incentive in the form of reduced compensation results in reduced implementation of a suite of Best Management Practices essential to protecting and enhancing water quality as well as protecting and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat.

The King Conservation District has found that due to the state of the economy, 50% cost-share is not adequate incentive to entice landowner implementation of in-stream and riparian area enhancement practices, and the result of this diminished incentive is that projects are not moving forward and are not being implemented.