

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT ADOPTING A PROPOSED SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING DISTRICT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS TO CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES; AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENTS WITH THE METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL FOR ITS REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

WHEREAS, the King Conservation District (“District”) is a governmental subdivision of the State of Washington, organized under chapter 89.08 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) with the purpose and authority to protect and conserve natural resources throughout King County (“County”), except within the boundaries of the incorporated cities of Enumclaw, Federal Way, Milton, Pacific, and Skykomish, which are not located within or a part of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 89.08.400, the Metropolitan King County Council (“Council”) is authorized to impose a special assessment in response to a formal resolution of the District Board of Supervisors adopting a proposed system of assessments to finance the King Conservation District activities and programs to conserve natural resources; and

WHEREAS, in order to finance such District activities and programs, the District is authorized by chapter 89.08 RCW to develop and submit prior to the first day of August 2005, a proposed system of assessments for Council review and approval; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2005 the District adopted by formal resolution a proposed system of assessments which is intended to provide funding for District activities and programs which are declared by RCW 89.08.400(1) to be of special benefit to lands located within the boundary of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District concurs with the effort to include broad, regional needs in its program of work for flood control, salmon habitat improvement and protection, and other natural resource conservation concerns which are of special benefit to lands located within the boundary of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by chapter 89.08.220 RCW, and is uniquely positioned and prepared to facilitate and contribute to an analysis of such regional needs through a natural resources inventory; and

WHEREAS, necessary and appropriate work plans for the District are prepared through a joint process with the County and the cities which are a part of the District and which results in the need for the Board to reserve the right to amend the District's proposed system of assessments in order to meet landowner's resource management goals; and

WHEREAS, the District has completed a long range plan identifying strategic initiatives to conserve valuable farmland, implement sustainable land use practices, protect critical areas, enhance fish and wildlife habitat and conserve natural resources for current and future human uses; and

WHEREAS, the District has supported development of the local salmon recovery plans and is committed to supporting the implementation of these plans; and

WHEREAS, the District has investigated and determined the need to address emerging natural resource conservation concerns and activities, and seeks to fund such activities through a Conservation Partnerships Program administered by the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 89.08.400(2), the District conducted two public hearings (May 11, 2005 and July 6, 2005) and two written open public comment periods (May 11 through May 27, 2005, and June 13 through July 8, 2005) for the purpose of gathering public comments and information on a proposed system of assessments; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of the public comments and information gathered and submitted to the District, the District considers the proposed system of assessments fair and reasonable to support the activities and programs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is prepared at this time to formally propose a system of assessments to provide continued funding for existing and new District activities and programs, including its strategic initiatives and annual program of work, noncompetitive grants awarded by the District in partnership with member jurisdictions and the three

local watershed forums operating in King County, and grants awarded through the Community Partnerships Program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the King Conservation District that the District hereby adopts the following proposed system of assessment which shall be submitted to the Metropolitan King County Council before August 1, 2005 for the Council's review and approval:

1. Assessment of Lands. An annual assessment of \$10.00 (ten dollars) per parcel shall be imposed on all real property located within the District's boundary, except for forest lands used solely for the planting, growing, or harvesting of trees and assessed by King County as forest land consistent with chapter 89.08. RCW. This assessment shall apply to existing parcels of property and any parcels hereafter created.

2. Duration of Assessment. The \$10 assessment shall be imposed annually during the period commencing on January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009.

3. Allocations of Assessment. The \$10 per parcel per year assessment shall be administered as follows:

\$ 2.00 (two dollars) per parcel to fund natural resource conservation initiatives consistent with chapter 89.08 RCW in partnership with member jurisdictions within the boundary of the District commensurate to the number of parcels within each jurisdiction and from which the funds are collected and remitted to the District; and

\$4.00 (four dollars) per parcel to fund salmon recovery initiatives consistent with chapter 89.08 RCW in partnership with and to be shared equally among the three King County watershed forums (Green-Duwamish-Central Puget Sound, Cedar-Lake Washington-Sammamish, and Snoqualmie) commensurate to the number of parcels within the boundary of the District and from which the funds are collected and remitted to the District; and

\$3.00 (three dollars) per parcel to fund the strategic initiatives and program of work of the District consistent with chapter 89.08 RCW and approved by the Council; and

\$1.00 (one dollar) per parcel to fund emerging and ongoing natural resource management concerns consistent with chapter 89.08 RCW through the District administered Conservation Partnerships Program.

4. Administration Fees. The King County Assessor shall collect and retain a 1% (one percent) collection fee and the District shall retain a one percent (1%) fiscal administration fee from all revenues derived from the per parcel assessment. The District fiscal administration fee shall be utilized to cover administrative expenses, including costs associated with providing proper and prudent financial oversight of all assessment collections remitted to the District.

5. Filing of Proposed System of Assessments. A certified copy of this resolution adopting the District's proposed system of assessments for the period from 2006 to 2009 shall be filed with the Council for review and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors of the King Conservation District, State of Washington on this 27th day of July, 2005.

Max Prinsen, Chair _____

Scott Wallace, Vice Chair _____

Matt Livengood, Sec / Auditor. _____

Richard Gelb, Member _____

Bobbi Lindemulder, Member _____

Certificate

I, Matt Livengood, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors of the King Conservation District, King County, Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 200~~65~~-01 of such Board, duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the day of ~~Dec.~~July 1~~4~~3th, 2005, signed by the members of such Board in attendance at such meeting and attested by myself in authentication of such adoption.

Matt Livengood, Secretary
Board of Supervisors
King Conservation District
King County, Washington.