

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2004

1 **Supervisors Present:** Max Prinsen, Chairman, Scott Wallace, Vice Chairman, Bobbi  
2 Lindemulder, Member, Matt Livengood, Member.

3 **Associate Supervisors Present:** Lynn Sullivan, Darryl Grigsby

4 **Guests Present:** Linda Hansen, WRIA 9, Sara Hemphill, Sustainable Solutions (arrived later)

5 **Staff Present:** Brandy Reed, Marla Hamilton Lucas

6 **NRCS Staff Present:** Clare Flanagan-Lubinda, Resource Conservationist (arrived later)

7 Chairman Prinsen called meeting to order at 6:12pm.

8 Introductions were made and the agenda was reviewed. No changes were made to the published  
9 agenda.

10 Minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed and the following changes were approved: fix the  
11 typo on line 12, confirm the dollar amount quoted in line 56 and fix the typo on line 67.

12 **Wallace moved, Livengood seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the**  
13 **minutes as read subject to the changes detailed above from the September 2004 King**  
14 **Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting.**

15 B. Reed presented the Green Duwamish CPS Watershed Forum grant application for the board's  
16 review and approval.

17 **Livengood Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to approve the Green-**  
18 **Duwamish-CPS Watershed Forum non-competitive grant application for \$10,000 from**  
19 **2002 Assessments for the Seattle Aquarium Beach Naturalist Project.**

20 B. Reed presented various grant agreement amendments for board approval:

21 **Lindemulder Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the King**  
22 **County 2003 Stewardship & Naturalist Community Involvement Grant Project grant**  
23 **agreement, revising the scope of work as submitted.**

24 **Wallace Moved, Livengood Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the WDFW**  
25 **PSNERP PII, extending the project completion date to December 31, 2005.**

26 **Livengood Moved, Wallace Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the Seattle**  
27 **Public Utilities WRIA 9 Marine Nearshore Inventory Project agreement, revising the scope of**  
28 **work as submitted and extending the project completion date to January 2005.**

29 **Wallace Moved, Livengood Seconded; Passed Unanimously a motion to amend the King**  
30 **County Staff Support for the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Grant agreement, extending the**  
31 **project completion date to June 30, 2004.**

32 B. Reed informed the board that a non-competitive grant award earlier in the year to the  
33 University of Washington *Historic Conditions Analysis of Puget Sound Lowland Rivers, Deltas,*  
34 *Marine Shorelines in WRIA 8* has been cancelled by the Cedar-Lake Washington-Sammamish  
35 Watershed Forum wanted the minutes to reflect this cancellation. As the grant agreement was not  
36 signed, the funds were not disbursed.

37 **Wallace Moved, Livengood seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to cancel the**  
38 **University of Washington Historic Conditions Analysis of Puget Sound Lowland Rivers,**  
39 **Deltas, Marine Shorelines in WRIA 8.**

40 Hamilton Lucas reviewed the financial report. Monthly expenses for September were reviewed.

41 **Wallace Moved, Lindemulder Seconded, Passed Unanimously a motion to approve checks**  
42 **# 8109-8152 in the amount of \$ 71,480.90 for the month of September 2004.**

43 Hamilton Lucas reviewed the balance sheet and the budget tracking report. The board noted that  
44 they were satisfied with the format of the budget tracking report. The large restricted fund  
45 balance was discussed. B. Reed reported on the WRIA forum balances available and asked Daryl  
46 Grigsby, Associate Supervisor, to encourage King County staff to make an effort to utilize this  
47 funding before the end of 2005.

48 **Wallace Moved, Livengood Seconded, and Passed Unanimously a motion to accept the**  
49 **September Finance Report as presented.**

50 Hamilton Lucas notified the board that the Washington State Auditor is scheduled to conduct the  
51 KCD audit beginning on 10/14/04. 68 hours of audit time are funded thru the Conservation  
52 Commission.

53 Hamilton Lucas reported on Snohomish Watershed Forum Draft Habitat Plan and associated  
54 request for KCD letter of support. Staff was directed to seek the forum's request in writing.

55 Prinsen provided an update on the Shadow land purchase that will utilize the KCD ALEA grant.

56 Prinsen provided an update on the KCD sponsored WACD resolution to revise RCW 89.08  
57 specified assessment limit from \$5 to \$10 per parcel. Discussion followed.

58 A lengthy discussion regarding the current status of the Critical Areas Ordinance ensued. It  
59 appears that the notice on title issue is closer to being resolved and that putting notice of a farm  
60 plan on the iMAP system is the solution. Harry Rinehart of King County is talking with KC  
61 DNRP as well as Max Prinsen about this solution. King County feels that current farmers are not  
62 at risk for not following a farm plan; the greater risk is for smaller properties that have more  
63 variety of uses. Prinsen said he might call the director at DDES to discuss the issue.

64 The next draft of the Ag rule is expected on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October – this draft will be reviewed by  
65 various agencies, but will not be available for public comment. Wallace emphasized that the  
66 board and the county must come to agreement on the full and completed Agricultural rule  
67 document. He said that there’s a difference between the public rule and the administrative rule,  
68 which is what DDES will use to apply the public rule.

69 Sara Hemphill and Clare Flanagan-Lubinda arrived at this time.

70 The board discussed the draft letter to KC Council prepared by G. Reed addressing the District’s  
71 response to the proposed Agricultural Rule. A strategy was set to redraft the letter in time for the  
72 Council meeting on October 18. There was also discussion regarding what belonged in the letter  
73 and what details would belong in a “memorandum of understanding”, and interagency  
74 coordination between the County and District on making the Agricultural Rule work.

75 Wallace stated that the District should not take a position on the CAO as a whole, but just  
76 address the draft Agricultural Rule. He wanted to make sure the District could be assured of  
77 agreeing with the whole Agricultural Rule document and not get involved in the bigger political  
78 fight over the CAO.

79 As Hemphill was assigned the job of integrating all the comments on the Agricultural Rule from  
80 the board and staff, she wanted to be sure everyone had the most recent version of the draft Rule.  
81 More discussion ensued regarding the logistics of getting the District’s letter written and  
82 included in the County Council’s record.

83 Flanagan-Lubinda gave the NRCS report. WSU has received a grant of \$ 683,000 from NRCS  
84 under the Conservation Innovation Grant Program. The grant will fund research into improving  
85 feasibility of dairy waste digesters by producing income from digester by-products. 41 such  
86 grants were awarded in 2004 and many focus on manure issues for AFO/CAFO operations. This  
87 grant program might be a funding possibility for the King County Digester Project. KC  
88 Department of Natural Resources has issued an RFQ for the program. Discussion ensued  
89 regarding the status of the KC dairy digester project and possible future District involvement,  
90 which would fit nicely with the innovative solutions to ag problems as discussed in the District  
91 strategic planning session. Flanagan-Lubinda also noted that something would need to be done  
92 about dairy waste air quality issues.

93 The WACD annual meeting will be held at the Tacoma Sheraton. Prinsen wanted as many board  
94 members as possible to attend so as to support the resolution to change the assessment per parcel  
95 limit of \$5. The NW Area will be holding a short caucus meeting at the annual meeting.

96 A discussion ensued about conservation districts being the only agency that has “branches” in  
97 every county in the state.

98 **There being no more business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.**

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Authorized Signature

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