

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Advisory Committee Meeting

October 11th, 2022

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM- via Teleconference Only

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98476195116>

Call In Number: (253) 215-8782

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Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Fincher | 10:00 AM – 10:05 AM |
| 2. Public Comment | 10:05 AM – 10:10 AM |
| 3. Executive Director Report – Mendez-Perez
(Information) | 10:10 AM – 10:15 AM |
| 4. MJ Grant -Equity and Evaluation Questions Update
(Information) | 10:15 AM – 10:20 AM |
| 5. 2023 Elections Update
(Information) | 10:20 AM – 10:25 AM |
| 6. Farm Team Presentation - King
(Presentation and Discussion) | 10:25 AM – 10:45 AM |
| 7. Strategic Planning Workshop – Tevin Medley (Athena Group)
(Discussion) | 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM |
| 8. Adjourn | 12:00 PM |

*** Next Meeting: December 13th, 2022, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

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TO: ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: ROSA MENDEZ-PEREZ

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 11TH, 2022

CC: LORNA MISS

Please find below highlights of King Conservation District's August and September actions and updates.

- Hiring
 - We welcomed Emma Atkinson as the AmeriCorps Education & Outreach Specialist through Washington Service Corps. Emma will be focused on recruiting teams of high school students to compete in Envirothon, training those students, and planning an exciting competition in the spring.
 - In October we will welcome our new Education Program Manager and in November our new Education Program Coordinator.
 - The search for our new Chief Administrative Officer continues and we hope to have this position filled soon.

- Finance and Administration
 - The Board of Supervisors will have a second look at a 2022 Budget Amendment at their October 17th board meeting. We are also workshopping and building the 2023 Budget with anticipated board approval by the end of the year.
 - Classification and Compensation Study – Compensation Connections provided a final draft of their recommendations. We are working with them on building out a new classification structure and discussing future projects.
 - Strategic Planning: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – The Athena Group held Mission, Vision, Values workshops with the board, staff, and the advisory committee. We also began discussions to organize external listening sessions and other engagement with our partners and stakeholders.

- Program Updates
 - The Engagement Team is working to support KCD's Orca Recovery Day planting event and the overall Orca Recovery Day (October 15th) effort that includes over 40 events across the Salish Sea and paid radio and TV spots to promote awareness of the issue and events. Our Orca Day planting event will be taking place on Remlinger Farms in Carnation on October 15th, and we are hoping to have enough volunteers to plant 1000 new trees and shrubs to the buffer of Langlois Creek. More information and how to sign up to volunteer can be found here: [Orca Recovery Day : King Conservation District \(kingcd.org\)](https://www.kingcd.org/orca-recovery-day).
 - We are getting the 2023 Board Election and Appointment set up and expect the KCD Board to pass our 2023 Elections Resolution that sets the dates and manner of the KCD Board Election. We are upgrading the KCD Plant Sale store and moving it to a new platform. The KCD Native Plant Sale store will open November 15 to take preorders for the 2023 Native Plant Sale.
 - LIP has almost expended all of its funding for 2022. We are scheduling our third quarterly LIP Policy Subcommittee for sometime in late October.
 - In 2020, KCD worked with American Farmland Trust (AFT) and Discovery Farms Washington® to lead a Discovery Farms® project to explore, evaluate, and promote the benefits of on-farm conservation practices that enhance water quality. The project evaluated how different treatments of the manure storage best management practice (BMP), along with a control, impact water quality. The pilot of this project was successful, but due to challenges from the pandemic had a shorter sampling period than planned for and a more robust data set was desired. In 2021, KCD was awarded a grant through King County's Waste Water Treatment Division to continue this work in 2022 through 2024. KCD is partnering with Whatcom Conservation District, who is the project's research lead. In recent months, we set up existing sites and one new site on a King County owned farm with the King County Livestock Program. We are hoping to start sampling again in mid-October and are sending out an advertisement for a new Steering Committee of local livestock managers in our most recent newsletter. More information on the project can be found here: <https://www.manuremanager.com/finding-the-cadillac-of-manure-storage-systems/>.
 - The Working Group for Regional Food System reviewed and scored 27 applications that were submitted in June. They made their final recommendations for funding and on September 26th the Board of Supervisors' grant subcommittee approved to move the recommendations to the full Board of Supervisors at the October 17th meeting for review and approval.
 - The KCD Education Team hosted three tours on Riparian and Forestry sites. The Riparian Team hosted a tour on an urban project adjacent to Longfellow Creek in West Seattle. Attendees learned about the benefits of riparian restoration and the private/public land partnership was highlighted with SPU. The Forestry Team hosted forest tours in Maple Valley and Vashon, where attendees learned about the specific forest health management practices from the land managers. More

information on the tours can be found below.

- This quarter, the Rural Forestry team has provided assessments to 6 small-forest landowners and developed Landowner Incentive Program project prescriptions for 2 properties. At the end of September, members of the forest team attended a USFS training on identifying and assessing hazard trees.
- The Trees for Rail program is in full swing. In September alone, 36 Shoreline homeowners had a consultation to choose planting locations and appropriate species.
- Mark your calendars for two upcoming tree giveaways, October 15 at Juanita Beach Park in Kirkland (<https://kingcd.org/programs/better-forests/urban-forests/kirklandtreegiveaway/>) and October 22 at Kenmore City Hall (<https://www.kenmorewa.gov/our-city/special-events/more-trees>). We expect to give away approximately 750 native trees to be planted in yards throughout the two cities.
- The Riparian Team is wrapping up project maintenance activities and beginning Fall site preparation treatments in preparation for the upcoming planting season. This season we will be working on projects in the Cities of Normandy Park (Walker Creek), Seattle (Longfellow Creek), Lake Forest Park (3 sites on Lyons Creek), Tukwila (2 sites on the Duwamish River), and Kirkland (Juanita Creek). Our partners at Adopt-a-Stream Foundation have just completed construction on an in-stream habitat large wood placement project at this Juanita Creek site and KCD will be completing the planting with our WCC crew. More on the Adopt-a-Stream project can be found here: <https://mynorthwest.com/3648286/juanita-creek-salmon-transformation/>.
- In the marine world, the Shore Friendly Collaborative completed our first round of site visits with our professional consulting Engineer and Geologist. We visited 10 properties on Vashon and Maury Island to do field data collection which will be followed up with assessment reports and recommendations for action for each property. Those properties that are determined to be candidates for bulkhead removal and shoreline restoration will be prioritized for further feasibility studies and potentially moved to design phase, with the goal to take 2 projects to permitting phase by June.

Thank you,

Rosa Méndez-Perez