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Michelle Clark to head King County Flood Control District *Unanimous support for appointment as Executive Director*

Michelle Clark received the unanimous support of the Metropolitan King County Council to lead the King County Flood Control District as the agency's Executive Director. The Council confirmed Clark's appointment at its December 12 meeting.

"I want to thank all the Supervisors for their confidence in appointing me Executive Director," said Clark. "The Flood District has a strong history of protecting the lives and property of county residents even as we wisely use the funds provided to the District. I look forward to collaborating with Supervisors on our important job of reducing the risk of flooding in rural and urban neighborhoods throughout King County."

Clark has been a member of County Councilmember Larry Gossett's staff, specializing in land use and transportation policy. She has also been the Councilmember's lead staffer for the Flood District during the years Gossett was the Chair of the District's Board of Supervisors.

"Michelle Clark has already proved to be a tremendous asset to the Flood Control District," said Supervisor Reagan Dunn, Chair of the Flood District's Board of Supervisors. "I look forward to seeing how her experience and expert knowledge gained while working for Councilmember Gossett will serve her in this new role as Executive Director."

"Clark's invaluable experience and suburb educational background makes her a perfect fit for the Flood District," said Gossett. "Her past work on development of the updates for the King County Comprehensive Plan and her assistance while I chaired the District's Board of Supervisors ensures she'll be able to hit the ground running!"

A graduate of Sammamish High School in Bellevue, Clark received her Undergraduate Degree from Seattle University and her Law Degree from the University of Chicago.

"I am so pleased that Michelle Clark has been chosen as the new Executive Director of the Flood Control District," said Flood District Supervisor Claudia Balducci. "A fellow Bellevue resident, Michelle brings exceptional experience, intelligence, and



knowledge of the District to the job. I look forward to working with her in the years to come to meet the challenges facing the District.”

As Executive Director of the Flood District, Clark will be responsible for a \$330 million six-year capital budget and \$11 million annual operating budget. The Director develops and oversees contracts with King County and other jurisdictions to implement the District’s capital program and services, and manages the day-to-day administrative functions of District operations. The Director staffs the District’s Board of Supervisors, which sets the policy and oversees annual grant programs.

The Director also supports a 15-member Advisory Committee, made up of local government officials and citizens, which provides advice to the Board relative to annual operating and capital budgets.

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The King County Flood Control District is a special purpose government created to provide funding and policy oversight for flood protection projects and programs in King County. The Flood Control District’s Board is composed of the members of the King County Council. The Water and Land Resources Division of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks develops and implements the approved flood protection projects and programs. Information is available at kingcountyfloodcontrol.org/.