



News Release

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No tax increase in adopted Flood District Budget

For the second time in three years, the King County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors adopted a Flood Control District Budget that will not include the standard 1 percent increase in property taxes.

State law allows the local governments, such as the Flood Control District, to increase the total amount of property tax collected by 1 percent over the prior year.

“I thank my colleagues for agreeing to forego the property tax increase,” said Supervisor Claudia Balducci, who sponsored the resolution. “While we undertake the important life and safety work of the District, we should also balance our responsibility to taxpayers to collect only the revenue we need to complete our capital program. I believe we have struck that balance today.”

The adopted \$93 million budget maintains current flood protection services. It funds increased efficiency while taking the necessary steps to prepare the region in preventing potential disasters that might occur due to a dam or levee failure.

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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 www.kingcountyfloodcontrol.org.