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Flood Control District Budget takes urgent action to assist residents of Pacific's White River Estates **\$3M Replacement of failing sandbag berm and expanded HESCO barrier to protect neighborhood**

Property in the City of Pacific that has experienced increased flooding issues received assistance from the King County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors. At the Board's February 16 meeting, the Board gave its unanimous approval to make immediate flood protection improvements to the White River Estates neighborhood within the City of Pacific.

Since 2009, the Flood Control District, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has been erecting temporary barriers, known as "HESCOs", at Pacific City Park to provide increased flood protection to Pacific. The funds approved by the District will help provide additional protection to the White River Estates neighborhood, which has seen an increased frequency of flooding.

"The City of Pacific has recently been battered by flooding. Expanding the 'HESCO' barrier line improves the first line of defense to prevent the repeated flooding of homes along the White River," said Flood Control District Chair Reagan Dunn.

The cause for the immediate action is due to the increasing floodwater levels along the White River.

"I want to thank the homeowners who took the time to make their case for Flood District involvement," said King County District Board Supervisor Pete von Reichbauer. "The chronic flooding of the White River Estates neighborhood in Pacific has displaced families and disrupted lives. By taking the steps we did, we are moving toward providing certainty and peace of mind for these residents."

The \$3 million of special funding includes enhanced containment with an expanded HESCO barrier line to protect houses and property.

“The City of Pacific is truly grateful for the partnership of King County Flood Control District for hearing the needs of our community along the White River,” said Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier.

Editors: Cutline for attached photo is: “Homeowners and the City of Pacific receive additional help to make immediate flood protection improvements with the quick action taken by the King County Flood Control District.”

(l-r) King County Flood Control District Executive Director Kjris Lund, King County Flood Control District Supervisor Pete von Reichbauer, City of Pacific Mayor Leanne Guier, King County Flood Control District Chair Reagan Dunn

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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.