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To: Flood District Board of Supervisors

Fr: Kjristine Lund, Executive Director

Re: Staff Report King County Flood District Resolutions FCD2016-01, 02, 03, 05 and Motion FCD16-01

FCD Resolution No. FCD2016-01

A RESOLUTION relating to the operations and finances of the King County Flood Control Zone District; adopting a revised 2015 budget, a revised operating budget, a revised capital budget, a revised 6-year CIP budget, a revised District oversight budget and revised project allocations; and amending FCD2015-07.2, Section 1, FCD2015-07.2, Section 3, FCD2015-07.2, Section 4, and FCD2014-14.3, Section 6.

This resolution amends the 2015 budget of the District to increase funding for services provided by special legal counsel related to the Endangered Species Act and the System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) planning process. Legal fees exceeded the anticipated budget by \$45,396, for total 2015 expenditures of \$135,000. The resolution also amends the budget to increase funding for accounting services by \$12,000 for services related to the separation agreement for the former Executive Director as well as services to develop a fund balance policy. The District Oversight Budget represents less than ½ of a percent of the total District budget in 2015. Because of the specific and transparent presentation of the oversight budget, these amendments are needed since there is no contingency and since the budget is allocated to specific positions.

This resolution also amends the capital budget for the White River to add \$3 million to the Right Bank Project for potential voluntary home acquisitions and the placement of HESCO barriers. The City of Pacific is experiencing heightened flood risk resulting from the increased sediment in the White River.

Last week, the US Army Corps of Engineers convened a meeting with representatives from King and Pierce counties, the cities of Pacific and Sumner, the USGS, the US Weather Service, FEMA, and various staff from the Corps to make known the Corps' high level of concern about the inability of the White River to contain flows. To quote the Corps: *"The channel capacity in the White River continues to decrease at an alarming rate. Limiting Mud Mountain Dam outflows in response to diminished channel capacity increases the risk of life threatening flooding along the lower White and Puyallup Rivers."*

The District, King County Emergency Management and other emergency responders will be developing a robust plan to address public safety in the near-term. Engineering solutions are long-term and will continue to be developed.

FCD Resolution No. FCD2016-02

A resolution authorizing the chair to enter into a second amendment to the contract for Executive Director services.

This resolution will extend the contract with Lund Consulting through May 31, 2016. Between now and then, the District will be recruiting for and hiring an employee, rather than a consultant to serve as Executive Director. The cost of this amendment, not to exceed \$74,000, is within the established the 2016 budget for the District.

FCD Resolution No. FCD2016-03

A resolution authorizing the chair to enter into an amendment to the agreement for government relations services.

This amendment is to extend the current agreement with W2Advocates through July 30, 2016. The cost of extending the contract is \$37,500. The firm charges a flat fee of \$7,500 per month. This amendment is consistent with the budget presented by the firm in 2015. The focus of the work over the next five months is to monitor bills in the state legislature related to the work of the District such as the capital budget, the Washington Waters Bill, and Flood Plains by Design, and to seek funding opportunities for capital projects. In addition, W2Advocates is assisting the District with federal government relations relating to the US Army Corps of Engineers and policies related to the SWIF and the Endangered Species Act.

FCD Resolution No. FCD2016-05

A resolution relating to the Green River System-Wide Improvement Framework; directing the Director of King County Water and Land Resources to submit the Interim SWIF to the United States Army Corps of Engineers; providing for a Corridor Plan for the Lower Green River, establishing and appointing members of a Lower Green River Corridor Plan Advisory Committee; and authorizing a programmatic environmental impact statement SEPA process.

The King County Flood District is preparing to submit an “Interim SWIF Report” to the United State Army Corps of Engineers by February 22, 2016. This is being done to ensure that the PL 84-99 levees along the Lower Green River remain eligible for federal assistance. The Interim SWIF includes vegetation management policies, deficiency action plans, interim risk reduction measures, capital project plans, and a funding and implementation chapter.

Because the District considers this submittal an interim measure, the District will scope a long-range Lower Green River Corridor Plan that will incorporate flood protection, levee certification, habitat, and recreation. This plan will be developed in parallel with a programmatic SEPA EIS. (See presentation)

A list of Advisory Committee members will be provided at a future Board of Supervisors meeting for approval.

FCD Motion No. FCD16-01

A motion establishing the 2016 state legislative agenda for the King County Flood Control District.

The 2016 legislative agenda includes:

Support for District Capital Projects and Operational Objectives

The District benefits from programs that support its capital projects and operational goals. For example, the Washington State Flood Control Assistance Account supports capital repair, rehabilitation and improvements throughout King County Farming, commercial and residential areas.

Flood Plains by Design provides funding to reduce flood hazards, improve flood water conveyance and facility capacity and provide safe access to homes and businesses through protection of key transportation routes

Other legislation that may improve the district’s ability to meet its operational goals. ([ie: Washington Waters Act, demonstration projects](#))

Support for State Funding for Regional Water Supply Protection

The District requests assistance and funding for capital projects that have significance to the region.

Tolt Pipeline Protection: The Tolt regional water supply pipeline provides 30% of the potable water to the City of Seattle and serves Woodinville, Kirkland, Kenmore and Shoreline. The rock revetment constructed in the 1960’s is eroding at a rapid rate of 5 feet per year threatening the stability of the pipeline.

Support for Relocation of Van Doren’s Park in Kent as part of the Lower Russell Road Levee Setback Project

The Lower Russell Road Levee Setback project rebuilds 1.4 miles of the Lower Green River levee system in a location that provides additional space between the river and levee providing flood risk reduction and ecological and recreational benefits. Multiple stakeholders participated in planning including the City of Kent, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, environmental and business leaders, and federal and state agencies. Stakeholders determined that as part of the project the City of Kent’s Van Doren’s Park will need to be relocated from its current location next to the river.