



August 31, 2018

Reagan Dunn, Chairman  
King County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors  
516 Third Avenue  
Room 1200  
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Transmittal of Recommendations for the 2019 Annual Budget and 2019-2024 Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Dear Chairman Dunn and King County Flood District Board of Supervisors:

The members of the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) are pleased to transmit our recommendations to the King County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors (District) for the 2019 Annual Budget and 2019-2024 Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The King County Council established the Advisory Committee through Ordinance 15728 on April 16, 2007, to provide expert policy advice to the District on regional flood protection issues.

According to Ordinance 15728:

*"The advisory committee is created to provide expert policy advice to the board of supervisors of the King County Flood Control Zone District on regional flood protection issues. The committee shall review and recommend an annual work program and budget for the district, including capital improvement program projects and funding levels, subject to approval or approval and modification by the board of supervisors. Eleven copies of the recommendations shall be filed with the clerk of the King County council no later than August 31 of the preceding year, for distribution to all councilmembers."*

The Advisory Committee met five times between May 9 and August 22, 2018. The May 9 meeting was an orientation session and subsequent meetings focused on deliberations related to the 2019 Annual Budget and the 2019-2024 CIP. A staff-level Joint Basin Technical Committee also met five times to provide feedback on budget related documents in advance of the Advisory Committee meetings.

Attached to this letter is a notebook with all of the Advisory Committee meeting materials.

### **2019 Operating Budget Issues**

**Joint Basin Technical Committee Meetings:** We appreciate that the District acted positively on our recommendation from last year to convene the staff-level Joint Basin Technical Committee (JBTC) at least quarterly throughout the year. We recommend the Flood District Board of Supervisors convene the basin-level technical committees (Basin Technical Committees – BTCs) on a regular basis in 2019 beginning in the first quarter of the year to allow for discussion of the Flood Hazard Management Plan update as well as development of the Operating and CIP budget. In addition, we would like to see the JBTC be convened as appropriate during the year for the issues at hand.

**Flood Hazard Management Plan Role:** For the last two years the Advisory Committee suggested that there be some communication between this Advisory Committee and the committee that will be established for the update to the Countywide Flood Hazard Management Plan. We have had many spirited discussions about the Flood Hazard Management Plan because we are aware that it drives policy and investment decisions. We continue to seek a role in the Flood Hazard Plan update.

**Multi-Benefit Projects:** Another topic of much discussion at the Advisory Committee is the nexus between Flood District projects with flood risk management as the primary purpose and multi-benefit projects. We recommend that the District develop a definition of Flood Control District multi-benefit projects so the District can better understand partnership opportunities and work to identify funding sources for multi-benefit projects.

**Home Elevations:** We continue to be interested in improvements to the District's home elevation program. We understand that the District is undertaking a comprehensive study later this year with a report to be issued in late spring 2019. We are very interested in being kept informed about the results of that study and considering the study's findings as we consider the 2020 annual budget.

**Studies:** The Advisory Committee observed that the proposed 2019 Operating Budget does not include funding for new technical studies. The Committee recommends that the District give consideration to funding studies on emerging scientific issues. The Committee believes it is a best practice to review technical study needs annually.

**Snoqualmie Fish, Farm, Flood Next Steps:** The Advisory Committee discussed the status of King County's *Snoqualmie Fish, Farm, & Flood Advisory Committee (FFF) recommendations*. We recommend the District consider providing technical support to the work of the FFF Implementation Steering Committee. In addition, we recommend the District consider assigning the District Executive Director to participate in the quarterly FFF Implementation Steering Committee meetings.

### **2019-2024 Capital Budget Issues**

The Advisory Committee's discussion of the capital budget focused on how best to address new information and opportunities that arise during the budget development process.

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**Changes in Project Sequencing Due to New and Emerging Information:**

We recommend that when prioritizing projects and determining project sequencing, the District Board of Supervisors consider new and emerging information such as on the **Tukwila 205 USACE Gaco-Segale Project** (line 132) and strategic acquisitions along the **Cedar River** (lines 80 and 82).

The Advisory Committee also recommends the District Board of Supervisors consider moving implementation of the **South Fork Snoqualmie River Levee Setback Project** (line #19) forward in the Six-Year CIP Budget and provide funding in 2019 and 2021. The new opportunities for this project are that the City assumed ownership of the property and the project is under consideration for funding from the State Flood Plains by Design Program to be authorized by the Legislature.

Attached to this letter please find our recommendations for the King County Flood District 2019 Operating and 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Hearing", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Ken Hearing, Chairman  
King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee

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Advisory Committee 2019 Membership

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Member	City of Auburn	Mayor	Nancy Backus
Member	City of Bellevue	Mayor	John Chelminiak
Member	City of Carnation	Mayor	Kim Lisk
Member	City of Kent	Mayor	Dana Ralph
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