



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**February 17, 2016**

**FCD Resolution**

**Proposed No. FCD2016-05.2**

**Sponsors**

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

8           WHEREAS, in light of tribal correspondence regarding alleged violations of  
9           treaty rights and the Endangered Species Act ("ESA"), the King County Flood Control  
10          Zone District ("District") has consulted with staff for the Seattle District of the United  
11          States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") regarding the March 21, 2014, Interim  
12          Policy for Determining Eligibility Status, specifically USACE's policy not to conduct  
13          ESA Section 7 consultation for SWIF plan acceptance; and

14          WHEREAS, while that consultation is continuing, time is running short on  
15          completion of the Green River System-Wide Improvement Framework ("SWIF"), which  
16          necessitates planning for timely submittal of an interim SWIF that does not preclude  
17          other options for ESA compliance and achievement of broader objectives; and

18          WHEREAS, the executive committee has previously authorized the chair and  
19          vice-chair to request a time extension from the USACE for completion of a SWIF; and

20 WHEREAS, the extension request included a schedule for deliverables; and

21 WHEREAS, the executive committee submitted draft chapters of the Interim

22 SWIF to the USACE for review and comment; and

23 WHEREAS, the submitted draft chapters have been revised to respond to USACE

24 comments; and

25 WHEREAS, the District desires to move forward with a Lower Green River

26 Corridor Plan similar to plans underway for the Cedar River, the Middle Fork

27 Snoqualmie River, the South Fork Snoqualmie River and the Tolt River; and

28 WHEREAS, the broader objectives supported by stakeholders who participated as

29 SWIF advisors can best be achieved through a long-range planning process that includes

30 a SEPA programmatic environmental impact statement that can analyze cumulative

31 impacts and reasonable alternatives for accomplishing project objectives of flood

32 protection, economic vitality, salmon recovery, water quality, habitat restoration,

33 recreation, housing, equity and social justice and other issues to be defined through the

34 environmental impact statement scoping process, now therefore,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE KING

36 COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT:

37 SECTION 1. The District directs the director of King County water and land

38 resources division to submit the System-wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) Interim

39 Report February 2016, Attachment A to this resolution, to the United States Army Corps

40 of Engineers for acceptance.

41            SECTION 2. The District establishes a Lower Green River Advisory  
42 Committee. Members of the advisory committee will be appointed by the board of  
43 supervisors at a later date.

44            SECTION 3. The District directs the executive director to work with the director  
45 of water and land resources division to prepare a work plan and budget for a Lower  
46 Green River Corridor Plan.

47            SECTION 4. The District authorizes the executive director to initiate a request

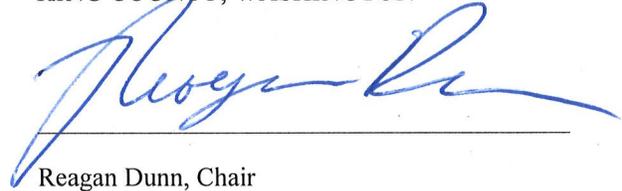
48 for proposal for a consultant to prepare a SEPA programmatic environmental impact  
49 statement for the Lower Green River Corridor Plan.

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FCD Resolution was introduced on and passed as amended by the King County Flood Control District on 2/16/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr.  
Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Mr. Gossett and Mr. McDermott

KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Reagan Dunn, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the District

**Attachments:** A. System-wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) Interim Report February 2016