



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 8, 2016

FCDEC Motion

Proposed No. FCDECM2016-06.1

Sponsors

1 A Motion authorizing the executive director to proceed with writing and
2 issuing a request for proposal to hire a consultant to prepare a SEPA
3 programmatic environmental impact statement for the Lower Green River
4 Corridor Plan.

5 WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control Zone District ("District") is
6 embarking on corridor planning for approximately twenty-one river miles of the lower
7 Green River affecting the cities of Auburn, Kent, Tukwila and Renton as well as
8 unincorporated King County; and

9 WHEREAS, the lower Green River study area includes flood risk reduction
10 facilities in multiple jurisdictional ownerships and is surrounded by mixed land uses,
11 including commercial, residential, industrial, recreational and agricultural; and

12 WHEREAS, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe has identified river water temperature,
13 lack of shade, and lack of juvenile rearing habitat, as significant risks to fish populations
14 that are protected by the Endangered Species Act; and

15 WHEREAS, Water Resource Inventory Area 9 is responsible for planning related
16 to improving salmon habitat in the lower Green River; and

17 WHEREAS, the Lower Green River Corridor Plan ("LGRCP") is a follow-up
18 plan to the Interim System-Wide Improvement Framework ("Interim SWIF") submitted
19 to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for acceptance in February 2016; and

20 WHEREAS, the Interim SWIF was written to maintain eligibility for flood
21 damage repairs under the federal PL 84-99 Program, but did not address multiple
22 objectives; and

23 WHEREAS, the District desires to prepare a SEPA programmatic environmental
24 impact statement ("EIS") to establish a shared vision and goals for the lower Green River
25 corridor related to flood risk reduction, habitat, recreation, agriculture, and other values
26 that may be developed in open collaboration with stakeholders; develop a coordinated set
27 of performance and development guidelines and standards to implement the vision and
28 goals; identify alternatives for improvements that together can help achieve the plan's
29 vision and goals; and institute programmatic agreements or batched permitting processes
30 to aid in efficient regulatory review of planned capital improvements; and

31 WHEREAS, the LGRCP will draw on technical work already completed for the
32 Interim SWIF; and

33 WHEREAS, when complete, the LGRCP shall be formally adopted by the District;
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35 WHEREAS, when adopted by the District, the LGRCP shall be incorporated into the
36 District Flood Hazard management Plan; and

37 WHEREAS, the District would like to move the Lower Russell Road levee setback
38 project forward through the EIS review process by incorporating a project-level review
39 within the SEPA programmatic EIS, which will be a subject for discussion with partners
40 and stakeholders during the scoping and environmental process; and

41 WHEREAS, the District has included funding for the SEPA programmatic EIS
42 through Resolution No. FCD 2016-10; and

43 WHEREAS, the District executive committee shall approve the selected EIS
44 consultant and the resulting contract shall be approved by the board of supervisors; and

45 WHEREAS, the selected firm will report to the District's project manager and will be
46 required to work collaboratively with the District's service provider, the King County
47 water and land resources division; now, therefore,

48 BE IT MOVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE KING COUNTY
49 FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT:

50 SECTION 1: The Flood Control District executive director is authorized to write
51 and issue on behalf of the District a request for proposal for a consultant to prepare a

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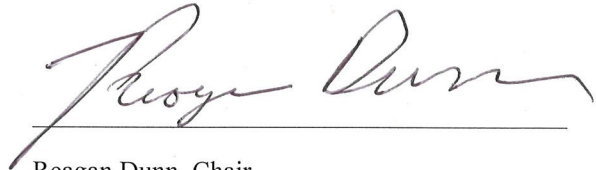
53 programmatic environmental impact statement for the Lower Green River Corridor Plan.

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FCDEC Motion was introduced on and passed by the King County Flood Control District Executive Committee on 8/29/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr.
Upthegrove and Ms. Balducci
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE
DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Reagan Dunn, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the District

Attachments: None