

King County  
Flood District  
Advisory  
Committee

# Recommendations for the 2022 Annual Budget and 2022-2027 CIP

Leanne Guier, Chair, King County Flood District Advisory  
Committee  
Mayor, City of Pacific

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	King County Flood District	Executive Director	Michelle Clark
FCD Facilitator	Kjristine Lund	Facilitator	Kjristine Lund

# Process and Meeting Dates 2021

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The Advisory Committee met four times

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February 23

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July 15

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July 29

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August 12

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Staff from Jurisdictions also met four times

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February 16

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July 7

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July 20

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August 3

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# Budget Recommendation

## \$16,313,808 Operating Budget

- 23.85% increase
- Primarily in the category of studies including Levee Breach Study, Issaquah Creek, South Fork Skykomish, Climate Change.
- Expanded translation and flood awareness access
- We want to see cost savings resulting from work from home policies

## \$139,447,026 Capital Budget

- We look forward to a discussion of **capital project prioritization** during the Flood Hazard Management Plan Update.
- We recommend the Gaco Mitchell levee repair move forward **within the existing levee easement** for construction to the 500-year level of protection.

# Key Issues

## Flood Hazard Management Plan Update

- We are pleased to see the Plan is about to get underway.
- In addition to the list of topics we recommended in 2019, we want to see the Plan scope include innovative approaches to managing flood risk by making use of technology
- We want to have an active role in the process of updating the Plan.
- We also ask that the Joint Basin Technical Committee, our staff, as well as basin specific work groups be convened to provide technical input to the Plan.

# Key Issues

## Newly Created Flood Reduction Grant Programs

- We appreciate the expanded Flood Reduction Grant Program which includes three new grant categories: urban streams, coastal erosion, and culvert/fish passage.
- We acknowledge and **support** that the enabling legislation requires successful grant applicants must first demonstrate a flood nexus.


# Key Issues

## Financial Plan and Fund Balance

- We recommend a 2022 Operating Budget and 2022-2027 Capital Budget that relies on a levy rate that is unchanged levy from 2020, plus new construction.
- It is extremely important to look toward the future and the capital needs throughout the County.
  - Critical needs in the CIP
  - Unfunded needs identified in studies completed and underway
  - Flood repairs
- We recommend the Flood District review its current fund balance policy and consider adding to it in order to establish a monitoring trigger to ensure the fund balance and new revenue are sufficient to cover capital and operating needs.

Looking  
Ahead in our  
role as  
Expert Policy  
Advisors

We request that we receive updates and the opportunity to comment on:

- We request briefings during the year ahead about the nexus between Equity and Social Justice and flood risk reduction at the Advisory Committee so that we can better understand the opportunities and challenges facing the Flood District.
  - We would like to receive more information on capital and financial projections in an accessible format, including additional information on the right-sizing process for expenditure projections for all service providers being funded by the Flood District.
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# Questions?

Thank you.

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