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King Conservation District 2007 Special Assessment

Summary of Negotiable Points

October 10, 2006

The King Conservation District Board of Supervisors revisited the details of its 2007 Proposed System of Assessments and 2007 Program of Work during a regularly scheduled board meeting on October 9, 2006. During this meeting, the Board reached consensus on a number of points regarding the District 2007 special assessment proposal package submitted to the Metropolitan King County Council on July 28, 2006.

The Board continues to support the Proposed System of Assessments as submitted to King County. This proposal would provide a 5 year special assessment in the amount of \$9.98 per parcel with an additional fee of \$0.00 for parcels less than 1 acre in size, an additional fee of \$0.01 for parcels between 1 and 5 acres in size, and an additional \$0.02 for parcels greater than 5 acres in size. This special assessment would apply to all lands within the boundary of the District except those classified forestry and those owned by the federal government.

Beyond the duration, amount and classification of lands associated with the special assessment proposal, the Board will consider modifying the *King Conservation District 2007 Program of Work* to include the following stakeholder allocations:

- 50% of special assessment collections remitted to the District will be used to fund activities in partnership with the three King County WRIA watershed forums (equivalent to approximately \$5 per parcel, less District and KC Assessor fees).
- 20% of special assessment collections remitted to the District will be used to fund activities in partnership with member jurisdictions (equivalent to approximately \$2 per parcel, less District and KC Assessor fees).
- 30% of special assessment collections remitted to the District will be used to fund other District programs and services (equivalent to approximately \$3 per parcel, less KC Assessor and plus District fees).

Additional negotiation points reached by consensus of the Board include the following:

- The WRIA watershed forum stakeholder allocation will be divided among the three King County WRIA watershed forums so that 20% of the stakeholder allocation will be used to fund activities in partnership with the WRIA 7 Watershed Forum, 40% of the stakeholder allocation will be used to fund activities in partnership with the WRIA 8 Watershed Forum, and 40% of the stakeholder allocation will be used to fund activities in partnership with the WRIA 9 Watershed Forum.

- The District will not establish the required ratio of individual stakeholder allocations applied to the four “priority areas of work” outlined in the *King Conservation District 2007 Program of Work*, i.e. Salmon Recovery Initiatives, Landowner Assistance & BMP Implementation, Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Economic Initiatives, and Natural Resources Conditions Monitoring & Evaluation. Instead, member jurisdictions and WRIA watershed forums will be allowed to determine those ratios based on individual stakeholder criteria and priorities.

The negotiable points described above are supported by consensus of the Board of Supervisors, provided the relevant parties agree to an Interlocal Agreement which substantially addresses the issues included in the proposed Interlocal Agreement submitted by the King Conservation District on July 28, 2006. The District is also amenable to further enhancements to provisions in the proposed Interlocal Agreement relating to the establishment of an Advisory Committee to help facilitate communications between the various parties and the District. Finally, the WRIA watershed forums must agree to coordinate with the District to direct watershed forum “opportunity funds” in support of landowner incentive programs as well as “Tier 3”, “programmatic”, and/or “watershed wide” activities and projects included in the local watershed chapters of the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan.

The negotiable points detailed above are separate and distinct from the District’s Proposed System of Assessments adopted by District Resolution No. 2006-02 which identifies the duration and amount of the assessment and the classification of lands to be assessed. The District’s Proposed System of Assessments submitted to King County on July 28, 2006 remains unchanged.

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Matt Livengood
Chair, King Conservation District Board of Supervisors