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King County
Flood District
Advisory
Committee

Recommendations for the 2024 Annual Budget and 2024-2029 CIP

Dana Ralph, Chair, King County Flood District Advisory
Committee
Mayor, City of Kent

September 20, 2023

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King County Flood District Advisory Committee Role

We appreciate the opportunity to provide expert policy advice to the District on regional flood protection issues consistent with Ordinance 15728.

We commend the District for implementing flood risk reduction projects countywide and spending down a large undesignated fund balance.

We appreciate the updates on District activities provided to us by the District Executive Director and we encourage those to continue.



Process and Meeting Dates 2023

The Advisory Committee met five times

March 29

July 14

July 27

August 17

August 24

Staff from Jurisdictions also met three times

March 22

July 7

July 20

2023 Advisory Committee Members

Status	Jurisdiction	Title	Name
Member	City of Auburn	Mayor	Nancy Backus
Member	City of Bellevue	Councilmember	Jeremy Barksdale
Member	City of Carnation	Mayor	Jim Ribail
Member	City of Kent	Mayor	Dana Ralph, Chair
Member	King County	Deputy Executive	Shannon Braddock
Member	City of North Bend	Mayor	Rob McFarland, Vice Chair
Member	City of Renton	Mayor	Armondo Pavone
Member	City of Seattle	Councilmember	Alex Pederson
Member	City of Snoqualmie	Mayor	Katherine Ross
Member	City of Tukwila	Mayor	Allan Ekberg
SCA	Black Diamond SCA	Mayor	Carol Benson
SCA	Burien SCA	Councilmember	Sarah Moore
SCA	City of Sammamish SCA	Councilmember	Karen Howe
SCA	Town of Skykomish SCA	Mayor	Henry Sladek
Unincorporated	Rural		Ken Hearing
Alternate SCA	City of Des Moines	Councilmember	JC Harris
Alternate SCA	City of Kenmore	Deputy Mayor	Melanie O’Cain
Alternate SCA	City of Pacific	Mayor	Leanne Guier
Alternate	City of Kent	Councilmember	Toni Troutner

Budget
Recommendation

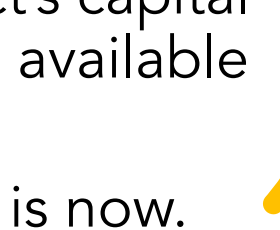
\$15,808,156 Operating Budget

\$108,412,275 Capital Budget



Key Issues

Financial Plan and Fund Balance

- We need to ensure sufficient funding to continue moving forward with critical flood risk reduction projects to protect the people and economy of our region.
 - The District has not raised the levy rate since 2014 and has not adopted the 1% base increase in many years.
 - For the last four years we have raised our concerns about the District's capital needs exceeding the District's available revenue and fund balance.
 - The time to address this issue is now.
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Key Issues

Increase Annual Revenue

- We recommend the Board raise the levy rate to ensure revenues match the planned expenditures to pay for planned operating expenses, planned capital projects, and urgent repairs within the current budget period.

We must continue to invest in:

- Critical flood reduction facilities identified in the recommended 2024-2029 CIP;
- Unfunded needs identified in Capital Investment Strategies and the ongoing Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard management Plan Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement;
- Unknown repair needs resulting from flood events and annual inspections, and
- Maintain a fund balance per the District's established fund balance policy.

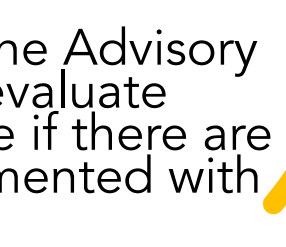


Key Issues

Study Bonding

- We have concerns about current high interest rates and debt service costs.
- We recommend the topic of bonding be studied in 2024 to include identification of which projects are best suited for long-term debt financing.

Expenditure Reductions

- Should the District find expenditure reductions are necessary, we urge the District to apply a transparent process and prioritize investments that emphasize the District's mission of countywide flood reduction.
 - We request the District work with the Advisory Committee in the coming year to evaluate project prioritization and determine if there are cuts or delays that could be implemented with low impact.
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Looking
Ahead in our
role as
Expert Policy
Advisors

We stand ready to provide our support to the District as it takes the actions needed to adequately fund implementation of the King County Flood District Work Program.





Questions?

Thank you.

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