



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

December 15, 2010

FCD Motion

Proposed No. FCD10-01.1

Sponsors

1 A MOTION establishing the King County Flood
2 Control Zone District 2011 State Legislative
3 Agenda.

4 WHEREAS , the King County Flood Control Zone District, King County
5 Council, and the King County Executive have worked together through their respective
6 government relations staff and desire to bring their positions on issues facing the 2011
7 Washington State Legislature to the attention of the Washington State Legislature, and

8 WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control Zone District desires to work
9 cooperatively with other local governments and other organizations such as the
10 Washington State Association of Counties, the Washington Association of County
11 Officials, the Suburban Cities Association, and the Association of Washington Cities to
12 achieve its 2011 legislative goals, and

13 WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control Zone District is dependent on a
14 strong fiscal partnership with the State, and

15 WHEREAS, counties have been given the authority by the State to create flood
16 control zone districts to undertake, operate or maintain flood control projects, and

17 WHEREAS, floods affect everyone statewide, posing risks to public safety, and to
18 regionally important employment centers and transportation centers; and major regional
19 infrastructure including fiber optic cables, state highways, and water supply pipelines,
20 and

21 WHEREAS, King County has experienced 11 federally declared flood disasters
22 since 1990, and

23 WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control Zone District provides regional
24 coordination and prioritization of flood control measures for the more than 50,000 acres
25 of mapped floodplain and a population that has increased from 925,000 to more than 1.9
26 million people in the last 50 years, greatly increasing the potential impacts from flooding,
27 and

28 WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control Zone District has completed 61
29 flood protection projects since its creation in 2007; work that would have taken 17 years
30 under previous funding levels, and

31 WHEREAS, the continued housing market slide has had an unexpected and
32 serious effect on the revenue source for the King County Flood Control Zone District,
33 and

34 WHEREAS, as a result of a decline in assessed property values, some areas of the
35 county are expected to reach the state-imposed \$5.90 local property tax levy ceiling in
36 2011, forcing the most junior district to reduce or stop collecting revenues—in this case,
37 the King County Flood Control Zone District, and

38 WHEREAS, levy suppression has already diminished the resources available to
39 the King County Flood Control Zone District, and

40 WHEREAS, natural events have occurred due to storms and earthquakes which
41 have put critical public infrastructure, businesses, homes, farms, and vulnerable
42 populations at risk of catastrophic flooding, and

43 WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control Zone District is dedicated to
44 exploring new ideas with the state for sustained funding flood protection;

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46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the KING COUNTY FLOOD
47 CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT: **The King County Flood Control Zone District seeks**
48 **relief from the state's \$5.90 property tax ceiling so that the district can continue to**
49 **collect countywide revenues to allocate toward flood protection.**

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FCD Motion was introduced on and passed by the King County Flood Control District on 12/13/2010, by the following vote:

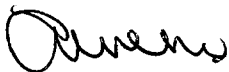
Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr.
McDermott
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the District

Attachments: None