

**King County Agriculture Commission Special Meeting
Minutes from August 13, 2007
Issaquah Fish Hatchery
Issaquah, WA**

Commissioners Present: Nancy Hutto, George Irwin, Ben Kodama, Bob Vos, Larry Pickering, Grant Davidson, Judy Taylor, Ward Roney, Ewing Stringfellow

Commissioners Absent: Julie Haakenson, Lu Eng, Roger Calhoun, Bob Tidball

Staff: Steve Evans, Rick Reinlasoder, King County (KC) Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD) Agriculture Programs, Mark Issacson, KC WLRD

Guest Agency Staff: Christine Jensen, Councilmember Kathy Lambert's Office

Decisions Made:

Motion: George Irwin moved that Ag Commission recommend that the 12 landowners requesting to raise or reconfigure their farm pads be included in the Demonstration Project this year. Motion passed.

The Ag Commission had a special meeting to help determine which landowners should be able to participate in the demonstration project for emergency repair and reconfiguration of farm pads.

The Commission reviewed 12 landowners who requested participation in the project. They determined that the combined impact of all the proposals did not exceed the 40,000 sq ft limitation. The Commission also determined that they all showed damage from last years flood and that they had a need to raise or reconfigure their pads. For these reasons the Commission decided to recommend that all the landowners be included in the project.

Larry Pickering suggested that landowners able to provide compensatory storage to raise or reconfigure their farm pads should not be included in the 40,000 sq ft limitation. Other commissioners pointed out that this was already in the ordinance passed by the King County Council

Ewing Stringfellow suggested that all commercial farmers should be allowed to participate in such a program to help minimize future losses.

Rick Reinlasoder suggested that the Commission might want to provide support to pursue EQUIP funding for farm pads in the future. He indicated he would keep the Commission informed of any need that arises related to this issue.