

KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, January 8, 2015
4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Issaquah Fish Hatchery
125 West Sunset Way, Issaquah

Proposed Meeting Agenda
(AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE TENTATIVE)

4:00	Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call • Introductions • Approval of Minutes (Nov and Dec) • Commissioner Updates 	Nancy Hutto, Chair
4:20	Public Comment	Nancy Hutto, Chair
4:25	Hafner Project Advisory Vote Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal Subcommittee recommendation on the project 2. Advisory vote by commission in favor or in opposition of subcommittee recommendation 	Nancy Hutto, Chair
4:35	Washington State University's North Puget Sound Campus Presentation Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Q&A 2. Comments 	Dr. Deb Inglis and Ann Goos
5:05	Ag Commission Strategic Planning, Part 2: Brainstorm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics and Goals for 2015 continued • Scoping for the Calendar Year 	Nancy Hutto, Chair, Commissioners and Patrice Barrentine
5:30	Break	
5:40	Integrating New Agriculture Commissioners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment with Food Economy Initiative • Recruitment to Date • KC Boards and Commission Rules and Housekeeping • Volunteers for Interview Committee Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Q&A 2. Complete and hand in King County Citizen Commission Vacancy Notification Form 	John Taylor, Nancy Hutto, Chair and George Irwin, Vice Chair
6:15	Farmland Preservation Program Highlights	Ted Sullivan
6:35	Updates (approx. 5 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green River System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) • King Conservation District • Tall Chief Property Update • Farm Fish Flood – Snoqualmie Farmer Sounding Board 	Kathy Creahan Josh Monaghan Kathy Creahan Patrice Barrentine
6:55	Adjourn	Nancy Hutto, Chair

For January 8th mtg

Green River System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF): Status/Update

- The SWIF Alternatives Phase is drawing to a close and it is anticipated that the King County Flood Control District will select a SWIF Alternative in January or February of 2015
- The Lower Green River has 42 miles of shoreline (21 miles ea, right and left banks)
- 25 miles of the 42 miles of Lower Green River shoreline contain provisionally approved (by the King County Flood Control District) 500 year flood protection goals.
- Flood District capital projects will be needed in these areas, to rebuild existing levees and flood protection facilities, to achieve 500 year flood protection goals.
- The SWIF Alternatives Phase will establish an alignment for flood protection facilities (levees or floodwalls) for these 25 miles of shoreline that contain 500 year level of protection from flooding goals.
- One SWIF capital project area coincides with King County Lower Green Agricultural Production District lands (Mr. Carpinito is the primary property owner/farmer). The SWIF Alternatives being considered in this portion of the Lower Green will reinforce agricultural productivity goals, while also achieving flood protection goals.
- SWIF advisors have drafted policy recommendations, for consideration by the Flood District, which reinforce the need to protect agricultural, recreational, and habitat resources of the Lower Green
- The forthcoming Flood District selection of a SWIF Alternative alignment will be informed by advisory and public input
- The SWIF held two public meetings in September 2014
- The SWIF Technical Advisory Committee met 3 times during fall 2014 to discuss SWIF alternative alignments being considered for the Lower Green River
- The SWIF Advisory Council met on November 21st to generate recommendations for SWIF Alternative alignments and associated SWIF policy recommendations.
- Following selection of a SWIF Alternative, the SWIF project team will continue its work to wrap up the Green River SWIF by early summer 2015
- During Winter 2015, SWIF project team members will outreach to Mr. Carpinito as part of the Capital Project design/cost estimating phase of the SWIF – to ensure that the flood protection facility locations being considered are supportive of maintaining/improving the health of agricultural soils and farm/business operations.
- The SWIF project team anticipates completing the SWIF by early summer 2015, at which point the Flood Control District will approve submittal of the SWIF to the Corps

-Jennifer Knauer

Future Meeting Topics

Food Innovation District Presentation	Kara Martin
Compilation of Regulatory and Permitting Issues Affecting Agriculture	Randy Sandin
Farm Fish Flood Integrated Caucus Plans	Janne Kaje