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## **Decision to Proceed**

The Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program within the Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD) of King County's Department of Natural Resources and Parks has made a Decision to Proceed with the Agency Action, as described below.

## **Proposal Name**

King County Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program for Maintenance of Agricultural Waterways

## **Proposal Description**

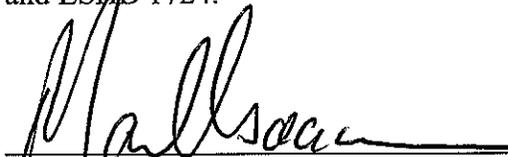
This proposal is for Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program (ADAP) projects to maintain agricultural waterways in unincorporated King County to improve drainage of agricultural fields. These projects will include the removal of the accumulated sediment and noxious or invasive vegetation that has decreased the capacity of the affected waterways or blocked drainage of field drain tiles. These projects may also include culvert replacement or beaver dam removal in the agricultural waterways. The agricultural waterways will be maintained to historic depth and width except when the existing channel is unstable, in which case the side slopes will be re-sloped in accordance with the Regulatory Guidance Letter Number 07-02 issued by the Corps and dated July 4, 2007. Only accumulated sediments will be removed from a waterway. Because of the similarity of possible impacts from the multiple drainage maintenance projects and the similar land uses of the parcels involved, the King County Water and Land Resources Division is analyzing these similar actions and nonproject actions in a single checklist, as allowed in WAC 197-11-060, 3, c., and is addressing them together as a programmatic proposal in this determination. We intend that this SEPA process will cover applications for all ADAP projects.

King County has worked with regulatory agencies to develop best management practices (BMPs) for waterway maintenance for agricultural areas in unincorporated King County. The BMPs will include the time of year for the project, sediment and erosion control, fish removal from the construction area, and planting requirements. The BMPs implemented may depend on the type of watercourse and the likelihood of salmonids being present during the project. Waterways are classified as artificial, modified, or natural channels based how they were created. The likelihood of salmonids being present is based on known fish presence, water

quantity, and water quality. Waterways within the Agricultural Production Districts (APDs) have been classified and waterways outside the APDs will be classified on a case-by-case basis.

**Agency Action**

The WLRD Director hereby approves the above-described Determination of Non-Significance Project Proposal. The Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program fully complied with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rules regarding notification, meetings, and SEPA documents for this proposal as required under WAC 197-11, RCW 43.21c, Ordinance 12196, and ESHB 1724.



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