

Discussion Questions: Revenue Sources Presentation

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Bonds

- Please explain the strategy for issuing multiple smaller bonds to add up to a large total amount of revenue.
- Explain the “single subject” rule.
- What are the tax implications of various bond issuance strategies?
- Do you have predictions about how rates are likely to change through time? How will this affect issuance strategy?
- Does a bond issuance (to be paid back by property taxes) create a suppression problem like a levy lid lift?

Property Tax Levy Lid Lift

- Please explain the concept of “suppression” as related to junior taxing districts. Are there mitigation measures that could address the suppression issue?
- How does the limit on revenue increases of 1% plus new construction affect the ability of a levy to raise revenue?

REET 3

- Please explain how REET revenues accrue to King County (REET-1, REET-2 and REET-3)
- How is King County projecting REET revenues?
- Explain why REET-3 would be a more “progressive” way to raise new revenue.

CFT

- Please explain how CFT revenues accrue to King County
- How is King County projecting CFT revenues?
- Would raising the CFT rate contribute to the suppression issue?
- How does the limit on revenue increases of 1% plus new construction affect the ability of a CFT to raise revenue?

Private Sources

- Does the county have experience partnering with private entities on conservation actions?
- Are there limits to how King County can partner with private interests? If so, please elaborate.

Other Issues

- Can you elaborate on how an acceleration strategy might work with existing funding sources?
- How do the various funding sources identified options affect the ability or feasibility to distribute funding for conservation across jurisdictional boundaries?
- For total property tax revenue in King County, do you have a sense of what percentage is raised in urban areas vs. rural areas?
- Are there other funding sources (public or private) we should be considering?