



# King County

King County  
Flood District Advisory Committee  
April 4th – 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Bellevue City Hall

## Meeting Agenda

**Meeting Facilitator:** *Margaret Norton-Arnold*

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Meeting Overview**
- *Introduction of New Members*
  - *Agenda Review*
- 9:40 a.m. 2008 Work Program Status Report**
- *Capital Projects*
  - *Partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers*
  - *Programmatic Activities*
- 10:00 a.m. Update: Board of Supervisors Actions**
- *2008 Work Program and Budget Adoption*
  - *Creation of Subregional Opportunity Fund*
- 10:10 a.m. Capital Project Evaluation Refinements**
- *Adding Implementation Opportunity Factors*
  - *Combining Flood Risk Reduction Score and Implementation Opportunity Score to develop Strategies for each Project*
- 10:50 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. Subregional Opportunity Fund**
- *Review options for allocation method, eligibility, evaluation criteria, and evaluation process*
  - *Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors*
- Noon 2008 Committee Schedule and Work Program**
- *Developing 2009 Work Program Recommendations*
  - *Basin Technical Committee Meetings*
- 12:15 King County Board of Ethics Forms**
- 12:20 Next Steps**
- 12:30 Adjourn**

# **King County Flood District Advisory Committee Preparation and Discussion Guide April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

At this first meeting of the Advisory Committee in 2008 we have a very full agenda that includes a progress report on the 2008 work program, suggested refinements to the evaluation of capital projects by the Basin Technical Committees, and recommendations for the Subregional Opportunity Fund.

## **2008 Flood District Progress Report**

Our first agenda item is an update on King County's progress implementing the District's work program. King County's staff hit the ground running in January, and are working to complete project designs and permitting necessary for construction in the summer of 2008. Through close coordination and communication with the Seattle District of the US Army Corps of Engineers we have identified 10 projects for potential cost-sharing Cooperative Agreements with the federal government that will, when authorized and approved, leverage District funds and save King County taxpayers several million dollars. We will also provide an update on the Cedar Grove Mobile Home Park Acquisition and Relocation and the acquisition of several adjacent frequently flooded properties. The acquisition and removal of residential structures in this area will enable the Rainbow Bend Levee Setback project to move forward, greatly increasing flood storage and conveyance capacity along this stretch of the Cedar River and reducing the flood risks to downstream residents and critical public infrastructure (SR 169).

## **Update: District Board of Supervisors Actions**

The Advisory Committee provided its first annual report to the Board of Supervisors in August 2007. The Board has met several times since August to discuss your recommendations and adopt a work program and budget for the District. Staff will provide an update on deliberations and decisions by the District Board of Supervisors in November and December of last year, and review their specific requests for input from the Advisory Committee during 2008.

## **Capital Project Evaluation Refinements**

As part of the Advisory Committee meetings last year, members asked for additional information describing how projects were sequenced on the capital list. We have worked with the Basin Technical Committees to respond to your request and provide enhanced transparency for the capital project evaluation process. These refinements are described in greater detail on a separate handout.

These proposed enhancements will complement the existing flood protection benefit ranking by providing additional information about factors that influence project sequencing, such as project readiness, landowner willingness, partnerships, leveraging

of external fund sources, and other factors. This information is useful in determining how to strategically sequence capital projects. If approved by the Advisory Committee, these factors would be used by the Basin Technical Committees as part of the review process for the 2009 capital project list. We will be asking you to approve the BTC's recommendations and begin applying these evaluation factors for the 2009 capital project list. The initial results will be presented at your next meeting.

1. Do you support applying these evaluation factors to the capital project list?
2. Do you support the relative weighting proposed for each factor?

*BTC Recommendation: Include implementation opportunity factors and the suggested weighting of each factor.*

### **Subregional Opportunity Fund**

In adopting the District work program and budget for 2008, the Board has set aside 10% of District revenues (approximately \$3.2 million in 2008) each year for a "Subregional Opportunity Fund", and has asked the Advisory Committee for recommendations on how this Fund should be allocated. We will review several options that have been developed by the Basin Technical Committees and discussed with staff from other jurisdictions that have not been able to directly participate in these meetings. We will be asking you for a 'temperature read' on the following questions:

1. Allocation Method: Should the Opportunity Funds be allocated through a competitive process, or should funds be allocated to each jurisdiction proportional to their contribution to the District's revenues?

*BTC Recommendation: Allocate proportionally to each jurisdiction.*

2. Eligible Activities: Should the Opportunity Fund focus narrowly on flooding problems or more broadly on watershed management activities that are authorized under the statute?

*BTC Recommendation: Broad eligibility.*

3. Geographic Scope: Should the Opportunity Fund be constrained to those stream systems that are not included in the District's Comprehensive Plan, or cast more broadly to include any surface water body? For reference, the systems named in the District's Comprehensive Plan are: South Fork Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Cedar, Green, White, Sammamish, Tolt, Miller, Raging, and Greenwater, Kimball, Issaquah, Coal (Snoqualmie), Tokul, Fifteenmile, and Holder.

*BTC Recommendation: Broad geographic scope.*

A strong and consistent message from jurisdictional staff is that the Opportunity Fund should be distributed in a simple, straightforward, and transparent manner that is responsive to opportunities identified by the jurisdictions themselves. There is broad support for allocating funds to each jurisdiction proportional to their contribution to the District's revenues. Jurisdictions are also supportive of a broad eligibility and geographic scope so that each jurisdiction can make their own choices regarding the most important watershed management needs and opportunities in their respective jurisdictions. Under this broad eligibility, activities could go beyond flood and stormwater management to include cooperative watershed management actions if such actions were identified in a plan completed through an interlocal agreement. Expanding the scope beyond 'flooding problems unrelated to large rivers and significant tributaries' requires an amendment in the resolution establishing the Opportunity Fund.

Final decisions on this issue will be made at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Advisory Committee.

### **2008 Advisory Committee Work Program and Schedule**

Finally, we will review the Advisory Committee and Basin Technical Committee schedule and work program necessary to provide the Board of Supervisors with work program and budget recommendations for the 2009 budget process. Upcoming agenda items include selection of a chair and adoption of operating procedures, as well as recommendations on capital and operating elements of the 2009 work program.