



April 29, 2010
King County Flood District Advisory Committee
Community Center at Mercer View, Calkins Rom
Mercer Island

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Facilitator: *Margaret Norton-Arnold*

1:30 p.m. Welcome and Meeting Overview

1:40 p.m. Board of Supervisors Update

- Adoption of 2010 Capital Reallocation
- Guidance to the Advisory Committee for 2011

1:50 p.m. Levee Vegetation Follow-Up

2:10 p.m. 2011-2016 Capital Program Alternatives

- Overview of Basin-Specific Strategies
- New project proposals for 2011-2016
- Potential CIP adjustments for 2011
- Potential CIP adjustments for 2012-2016
- Advisory Committee Discussion
- Follow-Up Information Requests for Staff / Basin Technical Committees

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Next Meetings:

- Friday May 28 - 2:00 pm, Mercer Island

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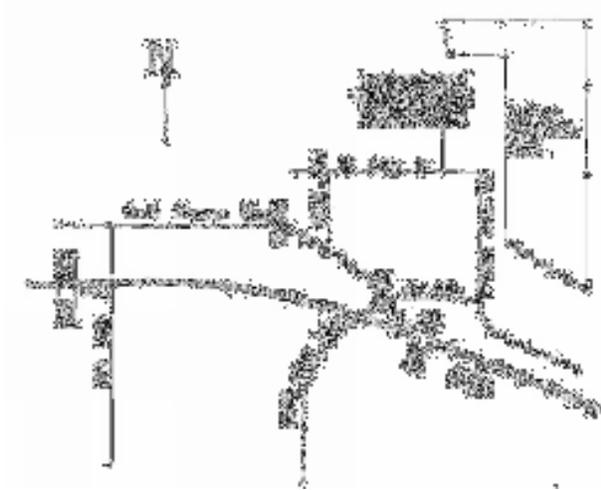
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I-90 Eastbound from Seattle: take exit #7A, 77th Ave SE. Turn left across the freeway. At stop sign turn right onto North Mercer Way. Go one long block to the stop light. Go straight though the stop light. Turn left onto 81st Avenue SE. Turn right onto SE 24th Street. The Community Center is two blocks up on your left.

I-90 Westbound from Bellevue: take exit #7, Island Crest Way. Continue straight ahead. Turn right on 81st Avenue SE. Turn right on SE 24th Street. The Community Center is two blocks up on your left.



Agenda Item: Levee Vegetation

At the February meeting staff presented information regarding a proposed Army Corps policy change related to the management of vegetation on levees. At the direction of the Advisory Committee, staff drafted a letter commenting on the proposed policy. This letter was submitted in March. In response to requests from the Board of Supervisors, the Advisory Committee members and the Basin Technical Committees, staff have also conducted an analysis of the potential impacts of the proposed policy, in terms of the number of trees that would need to be removed as well as the costs of removal and mitigation. Staff will provide a summary of this analysis.

Agenda Item: 2011-2016 Work Program and Budget

At the February Advisory Committee meeting staff presented a preview of the 2011 budget and 2011-2016 capital program development process. Since this meeting, staff have met with the Basin Technical Committees to review and evaluate new project proposals submitted as part of the annual request for project proposals. Several new proposals totaling over \$95 million were evaluated against the District's adopted policies and evaluation criteria. At the April meeting staff will provide an overview of the strategies for each major river basin, a description of any proposed adjustments to existing adopted projects, a description of any new proposals received in each basin, and preliminary alternatives for adjusting the 6-year capital program in response to these new proposals.

No decision is sought at this meeting; the purpose is for the Advisory Committee to discuss the options and provide feedback to staff so that a more refined set of recommendations can be developed for the May meeting. It is important to note here that the differences between the options described below are focused on the 2012-2016 timeframe rather than 2011.

The preliminary options for consideration are described below, and correspond to draft capital projects lists for each option. All options satisfy the increased emergency reserve target of \$3.5 million, an increase from the \$2.5 million target in previous years. All options also include \$2.1 million in 2011 for mitigation work necessitated by the Army Corps PL 84-99 vegetation management requirements.

Option 1: "Table" new project proposals until the 2012 plan update when policy issues such as coastal projects, small streams, and levee certification can be resolved and clearly articulated in the District's plan and policies.

Advantages: The new requests that have policy implications (i.e. coastal flooding, small streams, levee certification) are all requested for 2012 or later, so there is time to resolve these issues without an immediate adverse impact on the ability to implement the project. The plan update is arguably a more appropriate venue for decisions that expand the scope of the District work program than the annual budget process.

Disadvantages: Despite the fact that the requests are for later years, jurisdictions need a decision soon to be able to plan accordingly for funding.

Option 2: Provide Seattle Seawall funding at \$5M/year starting in 2013; Add funding for Lake Forest Park proposal in 2012. Minimize impacts on high priority projects (e.g. those over 75-80%) previously identified in the capital program.

Advantages: Provides funding for the Seattle Seawall with reduced impacts on existing proposed high-priority projects.

Disadvantages: Does not provide requested \$30 million within the 6-year capital program. Main impacts to other projects are delays to 8 projects seeking to reduce residential flood risks, including 4 projects along the Tolt River, one focused on Issaquah Creek, one focused on the Sammamish River, one focused on Bellevue's Coal Creek, and one focused on the South Fork Skykomish. The majority of these projects score between 65-75% on the flood risk scale.

Option 3: Add Seattle Seawall at full request of \$30 million over 2013-2016.

Advantages: Provides requested funding without impacting already adopted projects.

Disadvantages: 15 projects currently scheduled for 2011-2015 would be delayed within the 6-year window or in some cases beyond 2016. In addition to lengthening the delays described under Option 2, this Option would also delay projects targeting neighborhood flood and channel migration risks along the Cedar River at Dorre Don, Maplewood, and Lower Jones Road. Under this scenario several projects scoring up to 75%-85% would be delayed.