

**King County Flood Control District
Advisory Committee
Mercer Island Community Center, April 21, 2011
Meeting Agenda**

Meeting Facilitator: *Margaret Norton-Arnold*

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Meeting Overview

- *Agenda Review*
- *Introductions*

9:40 a.m. State Legislative Update and Request from Board of Supervisors

- *Levy pro-rationing bill status*
- *2011 Board Budget Resolution*

9:50 a.m. 2011 Flood Season Update

10:00 a.m. Levee Vegetation Update

10:10 a.m. 2011 Capital Program Re-Prioritization (Information Only)

- *Overall approach*
- *Proposed funding needs for 2011*
- *Proposed funding solutions for 2011*
- *2012-2016 Funding Options*
- *Discussion*

10:40 a.m. 2006 Flood Plan Update Work Program

- *Scope and Timeline*
- *Citizen Committee and Advisory Committee*
- *Policy Issue Preview*
 - *Levee Vegetation Management*
 - *Capital Prioritization Criteria*
 - *Risk Reduction "Level of Service"*
 - *Levee Certification and Accreditation*

11:15 a.m. Next Steps

Next Meetings:

- Thursday May 19, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Location Snoqualmie Council Chambers
- Thursday June 16, 9:30-11:30 am, Location City of Kirkland

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

Agenda Item 2: State Legislative Update and 2011 Budget Resolution

Staff will provide an update on the status of state bills that would exempt Flood Districts from the \$5.90 cap for property tax rates, and will also review the 2011 budget resolution passed in November 2010 by the Board of Supervisors. The resolution outlines areas where the Board is seeking guidance and input from the Advisory Committee in 2011.

Agenda Item 3: 2011 Flood Season Update

Staff will provide a brief overview of the impacts of the three flood events this past flood season, including the January 2011 federally-declared disaster event.

Agenda Item 4: Levee Vegetation Update

During 2010, staff presented information regarding a proposed Army Corps policy change related to the management of vegetation on levee, the costs of complying with the proposed policy, and the Advisory Committee provided comment letters to the Corps of Engineers regarding the policy. Staff will provide an update on efforts at the federal and local level to develop locally implementable solutions that support public safety as well as ecological goals for rivers in the Puget Sound region.

Agenda Item 5: 2011 Capital Program Reallocation

Capital projects are prioritized based on policies in the 2006 Flood Plan focusing on the consequences and severity of flooding, the economic impacts, and the relative urgency of the problem. Once prioritized, these projects are sequenced over the 6-year capital program using implementation factors such as landowner willingness, readiness to proceed, partnerships, and leveraging of external funds. The results of this evaluation are summarized in a percentage score for flood risk reduction potential and implementation potential included for each project on the 6-year capital project list. Project scores are revisited and adjusted annually.

Background

During the Advisory Committee discussion of the 2011 budget recommendations there were two main sources of uncertainty: tax levy pro-rationing and payments to other taxing districts originally estimated to cost approximately \$8.5M and funding \$30M of the total cost for the Seattle Seawall replacement effort. The cost of levy rate 'buydowns' to fire districts and the necessary legal agreements was much lower than anticipated last June, at a total cost of \$3.25 million, and long-term solutions are under consideration in the State Legislature. The Board's 2011 budget resolution also includes \$4.25 million for the Seattle Seawall. With the resolution of these two main sources of uncertainty, we are now prepared to revise the 2011 capital program.

2011 Budget Reallocation Process

The Advisory Committee previously went through a capital reprioritization effort in 2010 in response to need to construct emergency temporary levee construction on the lower Green due to the reduced capacity of the USACE Howard Hanson Dam. At that time the Advisory Committee endorsed the following guidance for the reallocation effort, and the same approach has been employed in 2011:

Funds that could be made available:

- Fund balance for completed projects
- Adopted projects that will not be moving forward in 2011 due to implementation constraints
 - Partnerships and Coordination
 - Land Owner Willingness
 - Grants and Leveraging

Except for scheduling adjustments, funds should not be reallocated from:

- Projects that have a Flood Risk Score > 75%
- Significant investment to date
- Partnership or leveraging in place
- Existing contractual obligations

The proposed reallocation will be presented for Advisory Committee discussion at the April meeting and, if appropriate, a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at the May meeting. According to the 2011 budget resolution, the Advisory Committee's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors are due by June 2011.

The meeting packet includes three nested documents: a summary of the proposed changes, a proposed CIP that includes these changes, and a document that shows the net changes between the current adopted 2011 CIP and the proposed CIP.

Agenda Item 6: 2006 Flood Plan Update

Staff will review the scope and schedule for the 2006 plan update, and provide an introduction to one of the main policy issues – certification and accreditation of levees.

Agenda Item 7: Next Steps

To conclude we will review any assignments and/or information requests for King County staff or the Basin Technical Committees in advance of the May 19 Advisory Committee meeting.