

Addendum to the 2011 Recommendations from the King County Flood Control Advisory Committee

October 17, 2011

The Advisory Committee submitted 2012 budget recommendations to the King County Flood Control District (FCD) Board of Supervisors on August 31, 2011. The Committee's report identified the need for additional information regarding risk management and overhead costs, as well as operating budget increases that resulted from the proposed addition of six staff positions for the FCD's Service Provider (the Water and Land Resources Division). This addendum to the 2011 Recommendations provides a brief summary of the October 13 2011 Advisory Committee meeting. These notes have not yet been reviewed and approved by the Advisory Committee. The meeting materials and presentation are available at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/waterandland/flooding/flood-control-zone-district/governance/advisory-committee.aspx>

The October 13 meeting was attended by the following Advisory Committee members:

1. Mayor Suzette Cooke, City of Kent (Chair)
2. Mayor Joan McBride, Suburban Cities Association/Kirkland (Co-Chair)
3. Mayor Pete Lewis, City of Auburn
4. Mayor Don Davidson, City of Bellevue
5. Deputy Executive Fred Jarrett, King County
6. Mayor Ken Hearing, City of North Bend
7. Mayor Denis Law, City of Renton
8. Councilmember Mike O'Brien, City of Seattle
9. Councilmember Mike Park, Suburban Cities Association/Federal Way
10. Councilmember Robert Lee, Suburban Cities Association/Lake Forest Park
11. Councilmember Mike Cero, Suburban Cities Association/Mercer Island
12. Mayor Matt Larson, City of Snoqualmie

Administrative Costs, Overhead, and Risk Management

Staff provided the Advisory Committee with additional information on all sources of administrative and overhead costs for the proposed 2012 budget, including King County's administrative overhead for the Division, the Department and County, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and Risk Management, as well as the proposed administrative budget for the Flood Control District. As noted in the cover letter to the August Advisory Committee recommendations, the risk management and legal costs have been reduced by over \$515,000. Staff explained the basis for this proposed reduction, and also provided information about insurance costs since the FCD was formed in 2007, national trends that have led to increased insurance costs on the private insurance market, efforts to avoid these high costs by participating in King County's insurance pool, and the impacts of King County WLRD, as a service provider to the FCD, having

a claims history. Staff also answered questions about the roles and responsibilities of King County staff versus FCD.

2012 Operating Budget and Staffing

The Advisory Committee also discussed the proposed operating budget increase necessary to fund six additional staff (FTEs). In response to Advisory Committee questions at the July meeting, additional information was provided on (a) specific tasks to be performed (b) performance metrics for each position, and (c) the estimated cost of consulting this work rather than hiring an employee. The meeting packet and presentation include summarize this information. Following discussion of the proposal and additional questions, the group was asked whether they supported the operating budget increase necessary to fund six additional staff. The results were as follows:

Support WLRD Request for Additional Staff Resources

1. Dennis Law (Renton)
2. Michael Park (Federal Way)
3. Pete Lewis (Auburn)
4. Suzette Cooke, (Kent)
5. Joan McBride (Kirkland)
6. Robert Lee (Lake Forest park)
7. Kenneth Hearing (North Bend)
8. Matt Larson, (Snoqualmie)

Support with caveats:

1. Mike O'Brien (City of Seattle) suggests reducing the staffing proposal to 3 or 4 new positions.

Oppose:

1. Mike Cero (Mercer Island)

Two Advisory Committee participants, Mayor Davidson and Deputy Executive Jarrett, were not present at this portion of the meeting. However, Mayor Davidson had voiced opposition to the proposed staff positions during the discussion.

**Table 1: Proposed 2012 Combined Administrative Overhead Budget – King County and FCD
Combined
(Presented to the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee October 13, 2011)**

	2011 Adopted	2012 Proposed	2011/FTE (34 total)*	2012/FTE (40 proposed)*
Division (FTE-driven)	\$1,085,127	\$ 1,295,321	\$ 31,916	\$ 32,383
Dept/County (not FTE driven)**	\$ 357,725	\$ 393,774	\$ 10,521	\$ 9,844
KC Risk Mgmt (not FTE Driven) ***	\$ -	\$ 470,618	\$ -	\$ 11,765
KC PAO (based on hrs charged, not FTE Driven)****	\$ 67,888	\$ 86,051	\$ 1,997	\$ 2,151
FCD Admin – Exec Services, Legal, Accounting, Communications (not FTE driven)	\$473,000	\$548,000	\$ 13,912	\$ 13,700
Total	\$1,983,740	\$ 2,793,764	\$ 58,345	\$ 69,844

* "Per FTE" costs for illustrative purposes only. Division administrative overhead is the only portion that is FTE-driven

** Does not include elected officials or their staff

*** Reduced from \$806,330 discussed in July

**** Reduced from \$267,158 discussed in July

For reference, the total adopted FCD budget in 2011 is \$41M, and the proposed 2012 budget is \$45M