

**Update: Summary of Discussions with Staff
Since the June 22nd Meeting of the Advisory Committee**

Following the June 22nd Advisory Committee meeting, King County staff offered to meet with each of you to answer any questions on information presented to date, and to discuss agenda items for the 7/20 meeting. We have met with staff from several jurisdictions over the last three weeks, and the following issues were discussed:

(1) Levy Rate Structure and Collection Options

- Some of the discussions involved the potential for a multi-tiered rate structure, including the special benefit assessment and service charge options. A detailed presentation about these options will be presented at the 7/20 meeting, as requested by the Advisory Committee.
- As part of this discussion, we were requested to evaluate the legality and feasibility of having the District collect less tax than it levied in the first year while the Advisory Committee further evaluate the proposed capital projects. We will present more information on the legal implications of this idea, as well as the practical impacts on implementation of the District's work program.
- In discussions on potential multiple rate tier approaches, certain jurisdictions took the position that even under a single uniform levy structure, floodplain landowners still bear a greater financial burden, because they have to purchase flood insurance.

(2) Regional and Subregional Projects

- It was proposed that the Advisory Committee recommend removal of the 'subregional' language from the ordinance adopting the Flood Plan and that King County staff work with the jurisdictions to refine the existing project identification policies and criteria by the end of 2007. (NOTE: subsequent discussions with counsel indicate that a change to the ordinance may not be necessary, as this language is in the Flood Plan ordinance rather than the ordinance establishing the District).
- The focus of this effort would be to identify explicit thresholds specifying when a project satisfies the flood risk severity, urgency, and consequence policies that are included in the 2006 Flood Hazard Management Plan.
- All projects that meet these thresholds would be evaluated and prioritized for funding by the Basin Technical Committees against the same scoring system.

(3) Capital Project Status

- The sequenced 10-year capital project list now includes information about the stage of the capital project life cycle that will be completed during the 'start year' of the project. This includes identification of projects in the construction phase during 2008.
- The meeting packet also includes a graphic showing project implementation over the 10-yr planning horizon. This provides a sense of the timeframe anticipated for completion of each project, along with the number of projects started, underway, or completed in a given year.
- The sequenced project list will be evaluated annually by the Basin Technical Committees and the Advisory Committee.