

WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA 9 (WRIA 9) FORUM

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April 1, 2008

The Honorable Julia Patterson
Chair, King County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors
King County Courthouse
516 3rd Ave, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104-3272



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Dear Supervisor Patterson:

On March 19, 2008, the WRIA 9 Watershed Forum met and was presented an overview of the "proposed sub-regional opportunity fund" that was created by the Board of Supervisors to address flooding problems unrelated to large rivers and significant tributaries. The Watershed Forum has the following recommendations that it would like the Advisory Committee and, ultimately, the Board of Supervisors to consider:

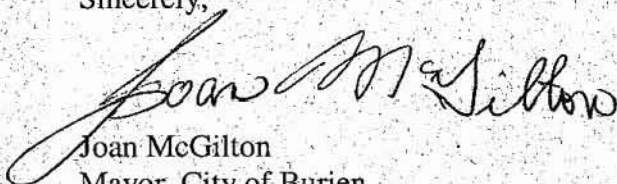
The definition of eligible projects should be as broad as possible consistent with RCW 86.15.035, including cooperative watershed management actions identified through multi-jurisdictional planning efforts such as the WRIA salmon conservation plans.

As you know, the salmon habitat plans were inter-jurisdictionally prepared and are being inter-jurisdictionally implemented. Providing the local governments of the Flood Control Zone District, who are also cost-sharing salmon implementation, the flexibility to use the sub-regional opportunity funds to help implement habitat projects is highly desirable and would enable coordination of these two very important regional efforts.

Mechanically, it would be best to allocate the opportunity funds back to the local governments so that they could make their own decisions on how to collaborate with the Forum in potentially implementing habitat projects with these funds.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Osterman, WRIA 9 Watershed Coordinator, at 206-296-8069 or doug.osterman@kingcounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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KCFCZD Advisory Committee