



News Release

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Flood District Executive Committee, FEMA to hold special meeting on Green River Flood Maps

Update on process that can impact insurance rates, construction

The members of the King County Flood Control District Executive Committee will be joined by representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a special meeting on FEMA's flood maps for the Green River Valley:

Wednesday, September 11

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Maleng Regional Justice Center

401 Fourth Ave N., Kent, WA

(Please plan to arrive early, as you will need to go through security screening)

"This is a great opportunity for the residents, businesses and property owners in the Green River Valley to hear directly from FEMA regarding their plans for future flood maps in the Green River Valley," said Flood Control District Chair Reagan Dunn, whose district includes a portion of the Green River Valley. "I encourage all who have questions or concerns to attend this important meeting."

"I regularly receive calls and emails from my constituents who want to know what FEMA plans to do with their flood maps," said Flood District Executive Committee Vice Chair Julia Patterson, who represents communities in the heart of the Green River Valley. "This is an opportunity for the people and the businesses in the Green River Valley to get answers about this important issue directly from FEMA."

"The new proposed FEMA maps will provide the best available information about potential flooding, which will help to inform residents and businesses on where to likely expect flooding in the future," said Flood Control District Executive Committee member Kathy Lambert. "We look forward to hearing more about FEMA's proposal

when it is finalized, as it will help our communities protect public safety and make the best infrastructure investments and land use decisions."

"This is an opportunity for the residents and businesses in the industrial and economic 'heart' of King County to discuss the potential impact this map process could have on the lives and livelihoods," said Flood Control District Executive Committee member Larry Gossett.

FEMA is responsible for developing the official flood maps defining special-risk areas that may affect insurance rates or building regulations. This is the public's opportunity to meet with FEMA officials and the members of the Flood District Executive Committee to discuss the flood maps and what they mean to residents of the Green River Valley.

For more information on FEMA Floodmaps, visit: <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-flood-hazard-mapping>

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The King County Flood Control District is a special purpose government created to provide funding and policy oversight for flood protection projects and programs in King County. The Flood Control District's Board is composed of the members of the King County Council. The Water and Land Resources Division of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks develops and implements the approved flood protection projects and programs. Information is available at www.kingcountyfloodcontrol.org.