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Reagan Dunn, Chair  
King County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors  
516 Third Avenue  
Room 1200  
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Transmittal of Recommendations for the 2020 Annual Budget and 2020-2025 Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Dear Chair Dunn and King County Flood District Board of Supervisors:

The members of the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) are pleased to transmit our recommendations to the King County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors (District) for the 2020 Annual Budget and 2020-2025 Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The King County Council established the Advisory Committee through Ordinance 15728 on April 16, 2007, to provide expert policy advice to the District on regional flood protection issues.

According to Ordinance 15728:

*"The advisory committee is created to provide expert policy advice to the board of supervisors of the King County Flood Control Zone District on regional flood protection issues. The committee shall review and recommend an annual work program and budget for the district, including capital improvement program projects and funding levels, subject to approval or approval and modification by the board of supervisors. Eleven copies of the recommendations shall be filed with the clerk of the King County council no later than August 31 of the preceding year, for distribution to all councilmembers."*

The Advisory Committee met three times between June 20 and August 15, 2019. The meetings focused on deliberations related to the 2020 Annual Budget, the 2020-2025 CIP, and the topics to be considered for the Flood Hazard Management Plan Update. A staff-level Joint Basin Technical Committee also met three times to provide feedback on budget related documents and the Flood Hazard Management Plan Update in advance of the Advisory Committee meetings.

Attached to this letter is a notebook with all of the Advisory Committee meeting materials.

**Potential Elements for the *Flood Hazard Management Plan Update***

We would like to continue to have a role in the *Flood Hazard Management Plan Update* and ask that we be provided with opportunities to be briefed on the work and to provide comments. This would allow the county and cities to have the best information and insights during the planning process and the county and cities would have the potential to individually adopt the plan. We also ask that the Joint Basin Technical Committee as well as basin specific work groups be convened to provide technical input to the *Flood Hazard Management Plan Update*.

The Plan is the Comprehensive Plan of Development for the King County Flood District in conformance with Chapter 86.15.110 RCW. We have relied on the 2006 Flood Plan to guide our recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. We appreciate the District seeking our input on the elements to be included in the *Flood Hazard Management Plan Update*. Below is a list of elements that we would like to see included:

- Risk reduction standards, appropriate levels of flood protection for each river system, and integrated basin-wide action plans;
- Levee certification and accreditation;
- Levee vegetation and PL 84-99 participation;
- Coastal flooding and sea-level rise;
- Small stream and urban flooding;
- Social justice and outreach to vulnerable populations in high risk flood zones;
- Property acquisition and relocation approaches for residential and business properties, including the use of condemnation authority;
- Capital project prioritization, sequencing approach, criteria, and scoring;
- Bioengineering;
- Gravel removal and sediment management;
- Multi-benefit capital investment in flood risk reduction projects, including a definition of multi-benefit and multi-objective projects;
- Maintenance standards flexibility for levees and revetments in urban and rural areas;
- Performance metrics;
- Cost effectiveness/cost benefit analysis of flood risk reduction strategies;
- Climate change/weather condition risks;
- Seismic risks, and
- Alternative project delivery defined in RCW 39.10 as design-build, general contractor/construction manager, and job order contracting procedures.

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## 2020 Budget

The Advisory Committee is recommending a 2020 Operating Budget and 2020-2025 Capital Budget that relies on a levy increase of 1% plus new construction. The Advisory Committee supports such a levy increase. We discussed the erosion of spending power due to inflation as well as the decline in the levy limit when the 1% plus new construction levy increase is not taken by the Board of Supervisors. We also discussed the need for a District policy to set a minimum fund balance for capital projects, in addition to other factors already included in the District's Fund Balance policy.

With respect to the Operating Budget, we appreciate that the District has continued to fund studies that have been recommended by the Advisory Committee. We look forward to seeing the results of those studies still underway. We also appreciate the commitment of funding to the Flood Hazard Management Plan Update and look forward to having the opportunity to comment on the scoping motion.

Regarding the capital budget, we appreciate the written response dated, July 9, 2019, from the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Flood District to our request to reinstate \$500,000 in funding for the Lones Levee project. We look forward to your action to include this funding contribution to the Lones Levee project in the 2020 Capital Budget.

Attached to this letter please find our recommended King County Flood District 2020 Operating and 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program.

Sincerely,



Ken Hearing, Mayor, City of North Bend  
Chair  
King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee

cc: Members, King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee  
Michelle Clark, Executive Director, King County Flood Control District

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**Advisory Committee 2020 Membership**

Seats	Jurisdiction	Name	Title
Permanent Seat, Advisory Committee, <i>Chair</i>	City of North Bend	Kenneth Hearing	Mayor
Rotating Seat nominated by Sound Cities Association (SCA), Advisory Committee, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	City of Pacific	Leanne Guier	Mayor
Permanent Seat	City of Auburn	Nancy Backus	Mayor
Permanent Seat	City of Bellevue	John Chelminiak	Mayor
Permanent Seat	City of Carnation	Kim Lisk	Mayor
Permanent Seat	City of Kent	Dana Ralph	Mayor
Permanent Seat	King County	Dow Constantine	Executive
Permanent Seat	City of Renton	Denis Law	Mayor
Permanent Seat	City of Seattle	Jenny Durkan	Mayor
Permanent Seat	City of Snoqualmie	Matt Larson	Mayor
Permanent Seat	City of Tukwila	Allan Ekberg	Mayor
Rotating Seat for unincorporated area	Rural Area	Rosella Mosby	
Rotating Seat nominated by SCA	City of Covington	Marlla Mhoon	Councilmember
Rotating Seat nominated by SCA	City of Duvall	Michelle Hogg	Councilmember
Rotating Seat nominated by SCA	Town of Skykomish	Henry Sladek	Mayor
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Alternate SCA	City of Maple Valley	Linda Johnson	Councilmember
Alternate SCA			
Alternate SCA	City of Sammamish	Karen Moran	Councilmember
Alternate	City of Auburn	Bill Pelosa	Deputy Mayor
Alternate	City of Bellevue	Janice Zahn	Councilmember
Alternate	City of Carnation	Dustin Green	Deputy Mayor
Alternate	City of Kent	Toni Troutner	Councilmember
Alternate	King County	Casey Sixkiller	Chief Operating Officer
Alternate	City of North Bend	Brenden Elwood	Councilmember
Alternate	City of Renton	Ed Prince	Councilmember
Alternate	City of Seattle	Lisa Herbold	Councilmember
Alternate	City of Snoqualmie		
Alternate	City of Tukwila	Dennis Robertson	Councilmember