



# KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

## King County Flood Control District E-NEWS

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The King County Flood Control District is wrapping up its second year of operations. With this final 2009 e-newsletter, I want to thank all of the elected officials, staff, volunteers and others who worked so hard to control and fight floods in King County this year. The January 2009 storm caused extensive damage countywide. Regional cooperation helped the Flood District achieve emergency repairs in a timely way. As the Flood District's service provider, King County Water and Land Resources Division staff led the flood control projects and emergency repairs.

In November, the Flood District Board of Supervisors approved a budget for 2010 flood projects. Details about the approved budget are included in this e-newsletter. In early 2010, the Flood District Advisory Committee will make recommendations about how to reprioritize flood projects to address a funding gap that resulted from emergency needs including the flood protection efforts along the Green River related to the Howard Hanson Dam.

Citizens and business owners have been calling and e-mailing us asking about how to get flood alerts and where to find sand bags. Answers to these questions are provided in this e-newsletter. Please help us share this information with others by forwarding it to your friends and colleagues.

Sincerely,  
Kjristine Lund  
Executive Director  
King County Flood Control District

### Sign Up for Free Flood Alerts



Do you live, work or go to school in or near a King County floodplain? If so, sign up today to receive a King County Flood Alert by phone, text or email message for real-time notification about rising river levels. The subscription is free and sponsored by the King County Flood Control District. Sign up today. Go to [www.kingcounty.gov/flood](http://www.kingcounty.gov/flood) and click on the King County Flood Alert button or call 206-263-3400.

### Flood Warning Center is Ready to Act

When wet weather raises river levels to flood conditions, the King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks opens the Flood Warning Center to provide round-the-clock coordination of weather and river flooding information and to answer questions from the public. Flood Warning Center operations are funded by the King County Flood Control District.

The Flood Warning Center is designed to give citizens at least two hours warning to prepare for possible flooding. It provides a continuously updated phone message (206-296-8200 or 1-800-945-9263) that describes conditions on King County's major rivers. During a flood, citizens can speak directly to staff in the Flood Warning Center by calling 206-296-4535 or 1-800-768-7932. [Learn more about the Flood Warning Center.](#)

## Questions About Sandbags?

Do you want to know when and where sandbags are available? Sandbag information is available online so residents and business owners can easily find details on locations where limited sandbag resources are available before and during flood events. Sandbags are offered through a partnership between the King County Flood Control District, King County and cities in flood-prone areas. [View sandbag distribution information.](#)

## \$8.4 Million Allocated to Green River Flood Protection



In response to the increased risk of flooding in the Green River Valley due to limited water storage capacity at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Howard Hanson Dam, the King County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors revised the 2009 capital budget and capital improvement plan to provide \$8.4 million for emergency flood protection efforts in the Green River Valley.

[Read a news release about the flood protection funding.](#)

[Learn more about flood preparation in the Green River Valley.](#)

## Funding Secured for Home Elevations and Buyouts

Snoqualmie, North Bend and Fall City neighborhoods will receive much-needed flood mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) this winter to elevate or buyout homes in high-risk flood areas to prevent future loss and damage. The approximately \$2.9 million awarded augments grants already received by the King County Flood Control District in the amount of approximately \$2.4 million to elevate homes in the Snoqualmie basin that are regularly flooded.

[Read a news release about the FEMA grant.](#)

[Learn more about home elevations and buyouts.](#)

## 2010 Work Plan and Budget Adopted

On November 16th, the King County Flood Control District adopted its

2010 work program, budget and capital improvement program. The total property tax levy amount is approximately \$36 million, which translates to approximately \$38 per year for a \$350,000 home. [View budget and work plan information.](#)

## About Us

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.

A Board of Supervisors composed of all King County Councilmembers oversees the Flood Control District. The Water and Land Resources Division of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks develops and implements approved flood protection projects and programs.

[Learn more about the King County Flood Control District.](#)

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