



KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

FCD Motion FCD25-05

Proposed No. FCD25-05.2

Sponsors

1 A MOTION relating to expanding flood preparedness
2 outreach and education activities and best management
3 practices for flood risk reduction.

4 WHEREAS, more than 100 people died and at least 41 people are missing as a
5 result of the devastating flash floods in central Texas, and

6 WHEREAS, flooding is a coast-to-coast threat to the United States in all months
7 of the year, and

8 WHEREAS, flooding typically occurs when prolonged rain falls over several
9 days, when intense rain falls over a short period of time, or as a result of the failure of
10 flood risk reduction infrastructure due to damage, and

11 WHEREAS, approximately 75% of all Presidential Disaster Declarations are
12 associated with flooding and flooding causes more damage in the United States than any
13 other weather related event, and

14 WHEREAS, flooding is the most common and costliest natural disaster in King
15 County with 29 presidentially declared flooding disasters occurring since 1956 and
16 smaller flood events occurring almost annually, and

17 WHEREAS, working to protect residents, businesses, and property from injury
18 and damage caused by natural disasters is a vital role of government, and

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19 WHEREAS, flood preparedness outreach and education, and early notification
20 systems enable the public to understand the different types of flood hazards and know the
21 actions to take before, during, and after a flood, and

22 WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control Zone District's ("District") mission
23 is to implement flood risk reduction polices and projects to protect life and property while
24 advancing various benefits including equity and social justice, sustainable livelihoods,
25 habitat protection, salmon recovery, recreation, and resilient communities, and

26 WHEREAS, in furtherance of its mission, the District annually publishes a
27 countywide Be Flood Ready Brochure and funds many flood preparedness activities and
28 educational programs in King County, including dam safety activities of King County's
29 office of emergency management and direct communication with residents about the
30 flood buyout program, as well as the flood event response activities of King County's
31 water and land resources division, including King County's Flood Warning Center, and

32 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to increase these efforts to respond
33 to flood hazards in the community through additional outreach and education;

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
35 OF THE KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT:

36 A. The District executive director shall investigate opportunities to expand the
37 District's flood preparedness outreach and education programs including:

38 1. Develop recommendations for expanding its flood preparedness and
39 education programs, including alerts and early warning systems, if applicable; and

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- 40 2. Create a video about flood preparedness for distribution via the District's
41 social media channels, the District website, and King County television and transmit the
42 concept and outline of the video by July 21, 2025; and
- 43 3. Expand the District's annual Be Flood Ready Brochure to include more
44 information on flood preparedness regardless of the source or cause of the flooding; and
- 45 4. Look to expand the number of languages the Be Flood Ready Brochure is
46 translated into on its website; and
- 47 5. Increase its partnership with Community Navigators to expand the number of
48 county residents that receive the Be Flood Ready Brochure and associated outreach; and
- 49 6. Increasing reliable communications with the appropriate federal agencies and
50 advocating for adequate funding and staffing levels; and
- 51 7. Other recommendations based on best management practices for early flood
52 warning and alert systems.

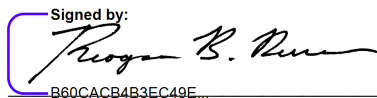
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- 53 B. The District executive director shall brief the District on the activities and
54 recommendations required in Subsection A of this motion by October 1, 2025.

FCD Motion FCD25-05 was introduced on 7/8/2025 and passed as amended by the King County Flood Control District on 7/8/2025, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dunn, Dembowski, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay
Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Reagan Dunn, Chair

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Russell Pethel, Clerk of the District

Attachments: None