



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### FCD Motion

**Proposed No.** FCD20-07.1

**Sponsors**

1                   A MOTION declaring the King County Flood Control  
2                   District's commitment to integrated floodplain management  
3                   and multibenefit projects and to the principles of  
4                   environmental stewardship, equity and social justice and  
5                   environmental justice; and redefining how the District  
6                   plans capital projects and reimagining how the District  
7                   designs projects.

8                   WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control District ("the District") desires to  
9                   carry out its mission to provide flood risk reduction projects and services throughout the  
10                  County as efficiently, effectively, and transparently as possible, and

11                  WHEREAS, the District reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the transparency in  
12                  its practices and the effective and efficient implementation of capital projects, and

13                  WHEREAS, the District desires to protect, and where possible, enhance aquatic  
14                  and riparian habitat in a manner that conserves tribal and treaty-reserved natural  
15                  resources under treaty reserved rights and is consistent with adopted salmon habitat  
16                  recovery plans in King County, and

17                  WHEREAS, the District acknowledges and affirms its commitment to the  
18                  interconnectedness of flood risk reduction, environmental stewardship, equity and social  
19                  justice, and environmental justice;

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

22 SECTION 1. The District will plan capital projects incorporating the principles  
23 of integrated floodplain management by improving the resiliency of the floodplains in  
24 King County for the protection of human communities and the health of the ecosystem,  
25 while honoring tribal treaty rights and cultural resources and supporting values important  
26 in the region such as agriculture, clean water, a vibrant economy, salmon and orca  
27 recovery, and outdoor recreation.

28 SECTION 2. The District will prioritize the design and implementation of  
29 multibenefit floodplain management projects that reduce flood risks, ensure public safety  
30 and restore river ecosystems in an equitable and just manner, while also advancing the  
31 inter-related interests of the community including, where applicable:

- 32 A. Equity and Social Justice;
- 33 B. Environmental Justice;
- 34 C. Habitat protection and salmon recovery;
- 35 D. Resilient communities and ecosystems;
- 36 E. Productive and viable agriculture;
- 37 F. Sustainable development;
- 38 G. Jobs and sustainable livelihoods;
- 39 H. Open Space conservation;
- 40 I. Sustainable and clean water; and
- 41 J. Recreation and other opportunities to connect people with nature.

42 SECTION 3. The District will align its work with King County policies including

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43 but not limited to:

- 44 A. The King County Flood Hazard Management Plan;
- 45 B. The Equity and Social Justice Strategic Action Plan;
- 46 C. The King County Strategic Climate Action Plan;
- 47 D. The King County Comprehensive Plan;
- 48 E. The Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
- 49 F. The King County Shoreline Master Program.

50 SECTION 4. The District will seek to find alignment with other environmental  
51 stewardship initiatives such as:

- 52 A. The King County Clean Water Healthy Habit Plan;
- 53 B. The King County Land Conservation Initiative; and
- 54 C. Salmon Habitat Recovery Plans in King County Watersheds.

55 SECTION 5. The District will update its acquisition policy to accommodate an  
56 integrated floodplain management approach while also addressing equity and social  
57 justice issues and environmental justice concerns. The policy shall be developed by  
58 December 31, 2021.

59 SECTION 6. The District will develop an equity and social justice policy that  
60 recognizes an integrated floodplain management approach while also addressing equity  
61 and social justice issues and environmental justice concerns. The policy shall be  
62 developed by December 31, 2021.

63 SECTION 7. The District will take an integrated approach to identifying,  
64 planning, prioritizing and designing flood risk reduction Capital Improvement Projects.  
65 This approach will consider risk reduction strategies and projects in a reach and basin

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66 context and seek opportunities to collaborate with other partners to achieve cobenefits  
67 and interests identified in Section 2 of this motion and leverage public and community  
68 investments.

69        SECTION 8. The District will develop a process to reevaluate and reprioritize  
70 within Capital Investment Strategies as necessary to prioritize multibenefit projects;  
71 encourage an integrated floodplain management approach and focus on equity and social  
72 justice and environmental justice. This reevaluation of Capital Investment Strategies will  
73 begin with the Cedar River Capital Investment Strategy. New Capital Investment  
74 Strategies, including the Sammamish River Capital Investment Strategy planning process  
75 that is currently underway will utilize an integrated flood management approach,  
76 prioritize multibenefit projects and focus on equity and social justice.

77        SECTION 9. The District will convene a committee of governments and  
78 stakeholders to advise the District as it considers implementation of the policies adopted  
79 herein in the Green River Valley. The District shall consult closely with the committee  
80 as the District develops the Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard Management Plan  
81 for the Middle and Lower Green River incorporating multiple benefits and values through  
82 the integrated approach adopted herein. The committee shall also assist the District with  
83 development of a programmatic environmental impact statement to support the flood

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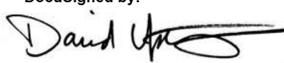
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84 hazard management plan and on a Capital Investment Strategy for the Middle and Lower  
85 Green River.  
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FCD Motion was introduced on and passed by the King County Flood Control District on 11/4/2020, by the following vote:

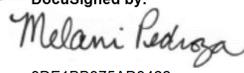
Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

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Dave Upthegrove, Chair

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Board

**Attachments:** None