

KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

1:00-4:00 P.M.

KING STREET CENTER, ROOMS 5141 AND 5142

201 S. JACKSON ST, SEATTLE

PROPOSED MEETING AGENDA

(AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE TENTATIVE)

1:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Approval of Agenda• Approval of Minutes (Nov)	Leann Krainick, Chair Pro Tem
1:15	Public Comment related to a specific agenda item –3 minutes/person; limit 3 people same side of any issue	Leann Krainick
1:20	Old Business - Updates (approx. 5 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission Details (KCD liaison)• KC Ag Program • Local Food Initiative• Farm, Fish, Flood 2.0• Land Conservation Initiative, Advisory Group• King Conservation District• Farm Bureau• Snoqualmie Watershed Improvement District (WID)• Beefing Up Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrice Barrentine• Richard Martin, Eric Beech• Mike Lufkin• Richard Martin• Leann Krainick• KCD Staff• Bruce Elliott• WID Staff• Patrice Barrentine
2:00	Planning for 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised Calendar• Proposed Topics Brainstorm	Leann Krainick, Amy Holmes, Patrice Barrentine
2:30	Break	
2:45	Land Conservation Initiative Draft Letter <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review• Motion• Vote	Leann Krainick
3:00	Ag Code Amendments Enacted	Patrice Barrentine
3:20	Land Committee update	Amy Holmes
3:30	New Business – Ron Mariotti Remembrance	Leann Krainick
3:40	General Public Comment –3 minutes/person; limit 3 people same side of any issue	Leann Krainick
3:50	Concerns of Commissioners	Leann Krainick
4:00	Adjourn	Leann Krainick

Next Meeting: February 8, 4-7pm 21 Acres, Woodinville

2017 Meeting Topics Calendar

Complete	Topic	Who	When	Outcomes	
				Letter advising County Executive	Notes
✓	Pike Place Market Tour and Farm Programming	Leigh Newman-Bell	Jan		
✓	Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance Sales Report	Chris Curtis	Jan		
✓	King Conservation District Regional Food Grant Program update	Mary Embleton	Jan		
✓	Approval of Ag Commission's FFF Recommendations		Feb		
✓	Road Vacations	King County	Feb		
✓	Code Changes: Agriculture and Ag Use Definitions	Erin Auzins, Randy Sandin	Mar		
✓	Farmland Preservation Program update	Ted Sullivan	Mar		
✓	Commission Accomplishments 2016	Patrice Barrentine	Mar		
✓	Commission approves FFF agreement		Apr	✓	In agreement package
✓	Agriculture Drainage Assistance Program 2016 update	Lou Beck, Ben Axt	Apr		
✓	Local Food Initiative Annual Report 2016	Mike Lufkin	Apr		
✓	Livestock Workshops update	Patrice Barrentine	May		
✓	Commission Policies and Procedures: Review and Modify		May, July		Reviewed and modified; tabled to 2018
✓	Winery Code Amendments		July, Sep	✓	
✓	Pearson Eddy, DNRP, NRCS		Oct	✓	
✓	What's Going on with Ag in Other Counties?	Pierce	Fall		Tabled to 2018
✓	Joint Meeting with Rural Forestry Commission		Nov		Tabled to 2018
	Tours to cover: Purpose of Commission, FPP, ADAP, Buffers, Salmon Recovery, Drip Irrigation, Drought, WID, Reclaimed Water, Keller Ditch, Tall Chief, Ag Regulatory Changes				



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**King County Agriculture Commission
Amended Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 9th, 2017
Snoqualmie Public Library, Snoqualmie**

Commissioners	P	A	Commissioners	P	A	Commissioners	P	A
Leann Krainick, Chair Pro-Tem	X		Bruce Elliott		X	Leigh Newman-Bell	X	
Amy Holmes, Vice Chair Pro-Tem	X		Meredith Molli	X		Larry Pickering	X	
Roger Calhoun		X	Eldon Murray	X		Bob Vos	X	

P=Present; A=Absent

County Staff Present		
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP	Richard Martin, DNRP	John Taylor, DNRP
Eric Beach, DNRP	Michael Murphy, DNRP	
Cynthia Hickey, DNRP	April Sanders, CM Lambert's Office	

Guests Present		
Perry Acworth, Viva Farms/SAGe	Jarvis Keller, farmer	Josh Monaghan, KCD
Liz Clark, KCD	Julie Kintzi, farmer	Glen Wilcox, farmer
Paddy Irwin, farmer/Farm Bureau	Lora Liegel, Mercer Island Farmers' Mkt.	

Meeting Action Summary

- **Approval of October 12th, 2017 Meeting Minutes**
- **Updates: KC Land Conservation Initiative, New Commissioners, Pearson Eddy Project**
- **Status: Proposed Public Rule on Water Quality Enforcement**
- **2017 Accomplishments and Planning for 2018**
- **Other: KCD, Farm Bureau, Local Food Initiative, KC Ag Program, Beefing Up Infrastructure**

Meeting Called to Order at 2:38 pm

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Bob Vos motioned to approve today's agenda as is. Eldon Murray seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (October 12th)

Patrice Barrentine noted removal of Siri Erickson-Brown as a listed Commissioner, and corrected public attendee Ward Rooney's name. Commissioners verified attendance of Kolton and David Koters. Meredith Molli asked for correction of Patrick McGlothlin's name. Ms. Barrentine also corrected a vote, on Richard Martin's request for the Commission to recommend merging multiple Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) funds into one source. It was stated that four voted for the recommendation, with one abstaining and one opposing; in actuality only three voted in favor. She said this is still a passing vote. She advised not naming voters in the minutes, for consistency with prior Commission standards.

Amy Holmes motioned to approve the October 12th minutes with the noted revisions. Bob Vos seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

King County's Land Conservation Plan Update – Michael Murphy, KC DNRP

Leann Krainick introduced Michael Murphy, Land Conservation Program Manager for King County DNRP. Ms. Krainick has served as Commission liaison on the Land Conservation Initiative (LCI) Advisory Group for the past year.

She said the group's last meeting of the year is December 6, and urged those present today to offer her input to bring back to the group. She explained the group will compile a package to present to King County Council (KCC) and the Executive by end of 2017, and if it passes KCC, the initiative will come up for a public vote.

Mr. Murphy said the Executive launched the LCI two years ago, to identify high conservation value lands in the County and the resources to permanently protect them. This includes forests, farms, river valleys, trail networks, scenic open space, urban green space, and other land deemed of value. The LCI Advisory Group counsels the KCC and Executive, and includes delegates from government, public, and private sectors across King County. He listed LCI's benefits in terms of climate change, adaptation/resiliency, biodiversity, human health/social equity, and economy. He said many lands are already protected, like federally protected forests and watersheds. He stressed urgency in protecting lands, as population growth leads to more costly, and less available, lands for conservation.

The LCI database includes 5,400 parcels countywide and 63,000 acres in unincorporated King County. Total estimated cost to conserve these lands is \$1.35 billion. Identified farmland for conservation is about 1,220 parcels for a total 13,500 acres, which would nearly double existing acreage of protected County farmland. He reviewed methods to achieve conservation: fee acquisitions, or easements. Fee acquisitions would mainly be for County capital projects such as trail connections or habitat restoration; farm and forest lands would largely be protected by easements.

When asked about inter-jurisdictional efforts, Mr. Murphy said the Puget Sound Regional Council is working on a similar effort to the LCI, identifying conservation lands and engaging jurisdictions in King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties. Meredith Molli asked how land that can be categorized multiple ways, such as farmland by a river, will be labeled. Mr. Murphy said these would be categorized as "multi-objective."

He said of 40 jurisdictions (King County itself and 39 cities), 25 have identified conservation lands in their boundaries; eight cities said they have no available land; and data is awaited from six more cities. About 900 parcels, or 2,100 acres, have been identified within cities, most of which are targeted for fee acquisition to create parks and other public open space. About \$600 million is budgeted for urban lands, which cities will apply to receive funding from and, in most cases, retain ownership and management of these lands.

He discussed how LCI costs are determined: pace of land acquisition, proposed level of operations/maintenance costs, and what lands are protected by Current Use Taxation (CUT) programs. Two-thirds of identified lands are enrolled in CUT, but some landowners may exit those programs; these lands would be acquired by the County for conservation. Current LCI funds include: Conservation Futures Tax (CFT), Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), Flood Control District funds, salmon recovery grants, King County Parks Levy, and private sources such as Transfer of Development Rights (TDR), in-lieu fee mitigation, and philanthropy. Possible other sources are: the REET-3 levy, a property tax levy lid lift, and a bond against the County's ability to raise money through property taxes. These other options would need to be approved by a public majority vote. He stressed the sooner the County acquires land, the lower overall costs will be, as land costs will increase.

Mr. Murphy noted poorer urban areas with less access to open space have statistically healthier populations, and a County priority is to add open space to these areas. He also said LCI's overall expected impact on total developable County land is only about 3%. Mr. Murphy said all LCI data is available on the County's website.

Amy Holmes asked who would monitor the increased influx of acquired easements; Mr. Murphy replied that additional staff have been budgeted. Bob Vos reiterated a Commission concern on the County buying agriculture lands in-fee, and said the Commission should not convey approval of such action. Mr. Murphy replied that of identified conservation target lands designated as farmland, the vast majority would be easements, not in-fee purchases. He clarified that multi-objective land cases would be handled on individual basis, and in some cases an easement may be sufficient.

Ms. Krainick stated that since funding for FPP is nearly gone, the LCI is the only initiative now to save it. She said while there are issues to work out, she will vote in favor of the LCI on the Commission's behalf. Ms. Holmes added she believes the LCI essential to protect farmlands outside APDs, as they don't qualify for FPP.

Mr. Vos made a motion, with an amendment and second by Mr. Pickering, that *the Agriculture Commission supports additional dollars for farmland preservation and recommends easements, with fee purchases only as a last option*. It carried unanimously.

Commission Business Update – Patrice Barrentine, DNRP

Patrice Barrentine updated on the status of new Commissioner nominations. A package is being sent to the Executive next week, recommending reappointment of six Commissioners and adding eight more. One vacancy is being recruited;

Ms. Barrentine asked for suggestions to bring to the Selection Committee later this month. She reviewed the lengthy process by which nominees are selected and approved by the Executive and KCC. She said it is expected that the new Commissioners will begin terms in February 2018. Ms. Barrentine added she is planning a formal recognition in January for Commissioners whose terms are expiring.

She said the agriculture code changes the Commission has worked on for two years passed KCC's TREE committee this week, and will go to full KCC December 11 for a hearing and vote. She noted the Commission's Pearson Eddy project letter from last month was sent to DNRP on October 30. Bob Vos asked for a timeline for DNRP to forward Commission requests from the letter to NRCS. John Taylor of DNRP said comments from the Commission, and from last night's public meeting, are being integrated into a letter to NRCS.

Ms. Barrentine said Thurston County's agriculture committee has asked her to speak this month about the Commission and their duties, including Farm King County and how the Commission supports King County farms. She asked anyone with comments for Thurston County to send them to her. She also said Pierce County's agriculture commission staffer has expressed interest in attending a Commission meeting.

Pearson Eddy Wetland Restoration Project Update – Richard Martin, DNRP

Richard Martin said last night's public meeting on the NRCS Pearson Eddy project was well-attended and informative. Bob Vos said a main viewpoint voiced at the meeting was that the trees planted by NRCS should be removed, and another contingent wished to achieve a "zero-rise" standard and thought further studies may be needed. He noted two concerns from the City of Duvall: they want to support farmers, and that even a few inches of flood rise can cut off access to/from the city. He added that many in attendance agreed with Steve Van Ess's comments. Mr. Vos said there was consensus the Snoqualmie Valley WID should be the vehicle for public comment to determine "next steps" to address this project. He also said the City of Duvall and Mr. Van Ess should be represented at any table discussions.

Several Commissioners asked about Snohomish County's involvement in this process. It was stated there were a few staffers from Snohomish County at the meeting. John Taylor said a group will be convened with representation from NRCS, the SV WID, King County, City of Duvall, several regulatory entities from Snohomish County, local tribes, and the Snoqualmie Forum. The goal is to have an agreed-upon plan in January, and give a status report at the December SV WID meeting. He noted NRCS has voiced a preference that individual landowners not be directly involved in discussion, but represented by the SV WID. Mr. Martin said there is a goal to start removing the trees in July.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

BREAK / Review KC Agricultural Land Use Maps

Richard Martin invited Commissioners to review and provide feedback on the updated land use maps recently compiled by the County's seasonal agricultural mapping staff, who presented the findings at last month's Commission meeting. Mr. Martin said the maps will be available for public review and feedback at several upcoming meetings around King County, and later on the King County website.

Status of Proposed Public Rule on Water Quality Enforcement – Cynthia Hickey, DNRP

Cynthia Hickey, who runs the Business Inspection Program (BIP) for King County DNRP's Stormwater Services section, updated the Commission on upcoming potential changes to County stormwater code. She said the BIP is required by the state Department of Ecology (DOE) to visit and inspect possible pollutant-generating properties. This mainly includes commercial, industrial, and multi-family (3+ units) properties. She summarized the County's water quality code as barring placement of any "bad" materials into ground, storm drain system, or surface waters, and that all entities should act to prevent pollution on their properties. She said the County's current enforcement authority on this refers to a section of code directed primarily at building code violations, not environmental. She said there is also difficulty in enforcing penalties against those who refuse to comply with water quality regulations. The code does allow for creation of a "public rule," where the County publicly declares how they will enforce such regulations.

Ms. Hickey said the County currently has announced such a rule, and the difference between this and prior rules is that each violation will now be evaluated on its own merits. There are eight criteria in their "penalty matrix," which include: if there was environmental or resource damage; any actions taken to remedy the problem; if it was a willful violation; if a violation was a failure to use "best management practices"; if a property has a history of noncompliance; does the violation necessitate County infrastructure repairs; if there is an illicit connection where sewage is being directly plumbed into a body of water or storm drain instead of a septic system or sewer; and if a violator benefits from

noncompliance. These are evaluated through a scoring system, along with guidelines for enforcement staff on how to establish penalties.

She noted no existing regulations have changed, nor have agricultural activities been added under their section's purview. She said typically agriculture is only involved when the County receives a complaint about a possible violation. However, most of these either involve people simply being uninformed about life near a farm, or are referred to the Department of Permitting and Environmental Review (DPER) or King Conservation District (KCD) for help coming into compliance. Another cause is failed septic systems; most agriculture-related cases of this are quickly corrected by the landowner.

Bob Vos said he believes there is an unfairness in the above enforcement criteria, in that volume of discharge in a violation is unaddressed. He said this could imply a disproportionate fee being levied against a homeowner versus a larger entity. Ms. Hickey replied that depending on the pollutant involved, gallon amount may not be directly indicative of the true overall impact, as some substances are more hazardous than others. She said more importance is being placed on the type of pollutant and its overall impact on infrastructure or the ecosystem, instead of the amount of discharge. John Taylor of DNRP further stated that in nearly all violations, the County works with a landowner to correct the violation, and does not immediately set out to impose penalties; the last enforcement action with a penalty was several years ago. Ms. Hickey added that single-family homes are enforced differently than a business with a history of violations, and penalties are only levied as a last resort, after all other efforts to enforce compliance have failed. Mr. Vos said he would still like to see at least some language added to specifically address discharge volume; Ms. Hickey and Mr. Taylor agreed to follow up on this.

Amy Holmes asked how violations would be discovered. Ms. Hickey replied these typically occur through mandated routine County inspections, or complaints. Leann Krainick asked if any County-levied penalties would be in addition to state DOE penalties. Ms. Hickey and Mr. Taylor said no, as anything specific to a dairy farming permit would be addressed by DOE, while a violation that is not farm-specific, such as a septic system, would be handled by the County. Ms. Krainick suggested DNRP staff add a clearer definition of the term "responsible party" in the code language. A public commenter suggested situation-specific "rubrics" to determine penalties more objectively; Ms. Hickey replied that the County explored this, but went in favor of a more flexible matrix to address the variety of complex situations that can arise. She clarified that any inspection report is subject to review and consensus from a group of inspectors, and would not result in a unilateral decision by a single inspector.

Mr. Taylor noted the impetus behind this briefing was an urging from KC Councilmember Kathy Lambert for more effort from the County to inform the affected community and get public feedback prior to changing the code. A public meeting at the Bellevue Public Library is scheduled for November 20th.

2017 Accomplishments & Planning for 2018 – Leann Krainick, Amy Holmes, Patrice Barrentine

Patrice Barrentine reported that the Commission achieved most of their 2017 goals. She invited Commissioners to comment on what they saw as the highlights for the year, and what should be the focuses for 2018.

Leann Krainick suggested "Commission Policies and Procedures Review/Modifying" and "What's Going on with Agriculture in Other Counties" be top priorities for the year. She said a joint meeting with the Rural Forest Commission is to be scheduled pending determination of mutual goals by the two Commissions that can be addressed in a joint meeting, likely in March. She said she would like updates on the Pearson Eddy project to continue as a standing agenda item. She noted the diversity of venue locations in the proposed 2018 meeting schedule, so as to better serve multiple APDs and other farming communities in the county.

Ms. Barrentine reminded Commissioners to carbon-copy all intra-Commission emails to their County email address as well as their personal email, so as to maintain public records of the communications. She asked all Commissioners to contact her with any further suggestions on 2018 priorities or meeting locations/times.

Old Business: Updates – Commissioners, County/Organization Staff

- **King Conservation District (Josh Monaghan):** Mr. Monaghan reported that the Regional Food Grant Program selections, totaling about \$600,000 in awards, would be announced this following Tuesday. He said that in the next couple of months KCD will begin seeking proposals for four other projects: providing better services to dairy farmers, better support for institutional purchasing, farmers' markets support, and direct market support. Meredith Mollis reminded those present that a Commission representative for KCD's Advisory Committee meetings needs to be chosen. Leann Krainick said she has made a note to Patrice Barrentine to see if an incoming Commissioner would be interested in serving in that role.

- **Farm Bureau:** Paddy Irwin reminded all that the Farm Bureau's regular meetings are the second Monday of each month, typically in Summer. She noted the November and December meetings may not be held due to an upcoming state conference and the Bureau's annual Christmas party.
- **King County Agriculture Program (Richard Martin):** Mr. Martin said there may be a need to reconvene the Land Committee on a more formal and proactive basis, to keep the Commission advised on matters like land acquisitions and the status of County projects. He proposed to add more members to the Committee, and to hold half-hour meetings immediately prior to or after regular Commission meetings. He asked Commissioners to consider this proposal, and said he would have more details on this by early 2018. He added that invitations for Farm Fish Flood (FFF) 2.0's kickoff will be sent out next week, with the first meeting likely in January.
- **Local Food Initiative:** Leann Krainick said the third quarter 2017 report for the LFI has been posted on the County's website. Patrice Barrentine added that Farm King County's Technical Assistance Team held a meeting recently, and praised this team as a great opportunity to assist the farming community.
- **Beefing Up Infrastructure (Patrice Barrentine):** Ms. Barrentine said this project is now in the site selection phase for a mobile USDA meat-processing unit, with two possible sites at opposite ends of the County. She added that it will end up being one or two final sites depending on available funding and infrastructure, and the unit would be available 1-2 days per week. The expected date for implementation is August 2018.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:27 pm

Next Meeting

January 11th, 2017, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, King Street Center, Seattle

King County Agriculture Commission Staff Liaison Report

December Accomplishments

- Archived commission meeting and work files dating from 1994-2011 with King County Archives and Records Management
- The executive committee met with staff liaison Thursday Dec 14th, to work on the commission's draft policies and procedures
- Submitted annual report to Executive's Office
- Received response to Commission's letter re: Pearson Eddy from DNRP Director (attached)

2017 Major Accomplishments

- Created with staff, reviewed and recommended new **Agriculture Code Amendments passed by Council on Monday, December 11** (that's right, 3 years of commission work and we have a huge win for the county's farmers!)
- Reviewed, revised, recommended and signed the Farm, Fish, Flood agreement
- Reviewed and advised on Executive's Winery Code recommendations
- Participated in King County's Land Conservation Initiative and continued to provide guidance on King County acquisition of farmland
- Provided for public comment, advised county on Pearson Eddy project effects and actions
- Recruited 8 new commissioners and 2 ex officio commissioners to serve in 2018

King Conservation Advisory Board Representative

We will soon need to elect a new commission representative to serve on KCD's Advisory Board as Meredith is now serving on Farm Fish Flood for the commission. Please start exploring whether that would be of interest to you.

New Commissioners

On Friday January 5, our slate of recommendations was accepted by the County Executive. I have included the list of new appointments and reappointments. In February, new commissioners will join us at the table and by March, they should have voting privileges. I would be remiss if I did not also mention that the three commissioners who have willingly served past their terms in order to bring continuity to the commission, will be recognized during the February meeting.

KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

ATTACHMENT C

DATE: January 2018

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 15

LENGTH OF TERM: 3-Years

** King County seeks to create an inclusive and accessible process for individuals who wish to serve on a King County board or commission. We strive to ensure that King County boards and commissions are representative of the communities we serve.*

BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

Pos.	Name	KC Dist	Background and/or Representing	Date of 1 st Appointment	Term Expires	Number of Appointed Terms
1	VACANT				2/28/18	
2	Paul Pink	9	Enumclaw APD, farmer and tractor sales	1/5/18	2/28/21	1 Full
3	Amy Holmes	8	Vashon, new farm, business/finance, policy, regulatory, fruit CSA	9/18/15	2/28/20	1 Partial / 1 Full
4	Lora Liegel	1	Market manager for the Mercer Island Farmers Market	1/5/18	2/28/19	1 Partial
5	Year Eng (Lue Cha)	2	Farmers Market/CSA/ Farm Stand Management, Hmong farmer, bilingual	1/5/18	2/28/20	1 Full
6	Leigh Newman-Bell	4	Pike Place Market, Farmers Markets, bilingual, supports Hmong farmers	9/18/15	2/28/20	1 Partial / 1 Full
7	Bruce Elliott	5	Lower Green APD, policy/regulatory, Farm Bureau Beef Cattle	2/26/16	2/28/19	1 Full
8	VACANT				2/28/20	
9	Leann Krainick	9	Enumclaw APD, dairy, large farm, business/finance, processing, policy/regulatory, fluid milk, compost	9/18/15	2/28/21	2 Full
10	Rosella Mosby	7	Upper Green APD, Mosby Farms in Auburn	1/5/18	2/28/20	1 Full
11	Darron Marzolf	3	Marzolf Meats in Redmond	1/5/18	2/28/20	1 Full
12	Nayab Khan	3	Henna Blueberry Farm and Eulora, LLC (software)	1/5/18	2/28/19	1 Partial
13	Meredith Molli	2	Snoqualmie APD, new farm, business/finance, restaurant, Farmers Market, vegetables	9/18/15	2/28/21	2 Full
14	Sarah Collier	4	Director for the Farm & Market Department at Tilth Alliance in Seattle	1/5/18	2/28/19	1 Partial
15	Roger Calhoon	3	Sammamish APD, New Farm, Business/Finance, Processing, Policy/Regulatory, Agritourism	9/18/15	2/28/20	1 Partial / 1 Full

- Larry Pickering, Eldon Murray, and Bob Vos are rotating off the commission after the February 8th meeting and will be recognized for service at the February 8th meeting

APPOINTED, NOT YET CONFIRMED

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10	Rosella Mosby	7	Upper Green APD, Mosby Farms in Auburn	1/5/18	2/28/20	1 Full
11	Darron Marzolf	3	Marzolf Meats in Redmond, Northwest Agriculture Business Center	1/5/18	2/28/20	1 Full
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King County Agriculture Commission

2018 *Proposed* Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Area	Location
January 11	1-4pm	Seattle	King Street Center
February 8	4-7pm	Sammamish	21 ACRES
March 8	11-4 new commissioner orientation 4-7pm Mtg	Seattle	King Street Center
April 12	4-7pm	Renton	City Council Chambers
May 10	4-7pm	Vashon	Public Library
June	off		
July 12	4-7pm	Enumclaw	Enumclaw Expo, KCD Pavilion
August	off		
September 13	4-7pm	Carnation	Carnation Farms
October 11	4-7pm	Green APDs	Auburn City Council Chambers
November 8	4-7pm	Seattle	Pike Place Market
December	off		

Possible other locations:

- King Street Center (but some challenges with after hours mtgs)
- King Conservation District
- Vashon Land Trust
- Duvall



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January 11, 2018

The Honorable Joe McDermott
Chair, King County Council
516 Third Ave, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

Soon, you will be asked to vote on the Land Conservation Initiative. The Agriculture Commission has been very involved with the development of this proposal which includes presentations from DNRP Deputy Director Bob Burns and staff member Michael Murphy. In addition, Ag Commissioner, Leann Krainick, was an Advisory Group member and gave frequent updates on development on the LCI.

At our meeting on November 9, 2017, the Agriculture Commission unanimously passed the following motion regarding the Land Conservation Initiative:

“The Agriculture Commission supports additional dollars for farmland preservation and recommends easements, with fee purchases only as a last option.”

On behalf of the King County Agriculture Commission, I encourage your approval of the LCI not only for the successful future of farming in King County, but for the betterment of all King County residents.

Sincerely,

Leann Krainick, Chair Pro Tem
King County Agriculture Commission

cc: King County Councilmembers
Dow Constantine, County Executive
Christie True, Director, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

The Honorable Joe McDermott

January 11, 2018

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Josh Baldi, Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD),
DNRP

John Taylor, Assistant Division Director, WLRD, DNRP

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12/11 Passed by Council on the Consent agenda
12/21 Signed by the County Executive
12/31 Became law

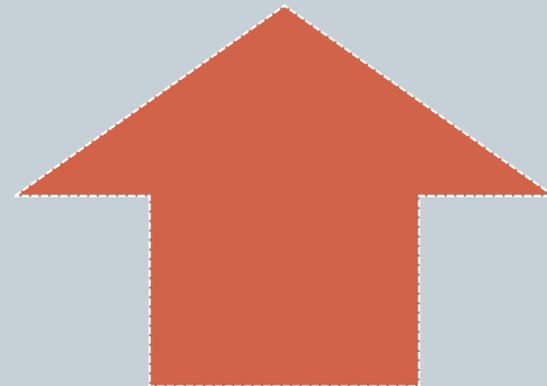
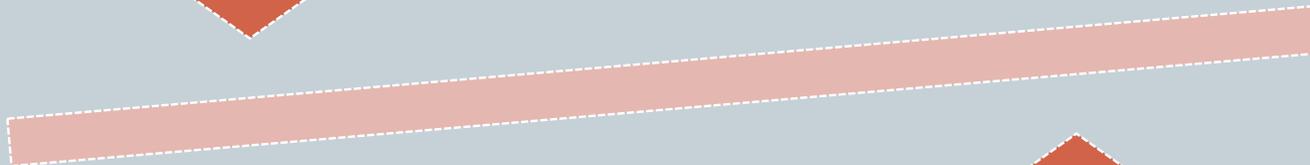
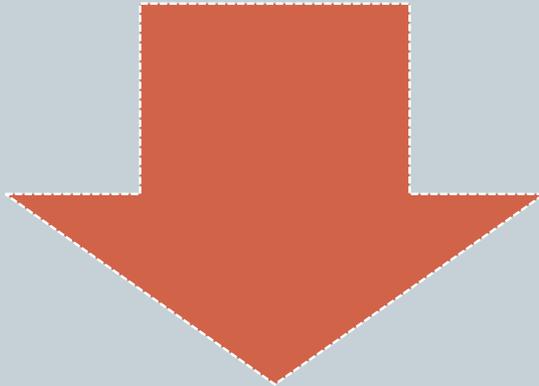
Agriculture Code Amendments

**NEW DEFINITIONS OF AGRICULTURAL USE AND
ACTIVITIES**

Updating for a changing and innovative industry



**Last update was in the early 90's
(25 years ago)**



Industry changes

- **Farms are getting smaller**
- **Farms are marketing and processing on-farm**
- **Farms are sharing infrastructure**
- **Farms rely more on agritourism for profitability**

New Definition for Ag



- **Agriculture**

the use of land for commercial purposes for either the raising of crops or livestock or the production of agricultural products, or both.



Definition for Ag Products



● **Agricultural products**

products that include, but are not limited to:

- A. Horticultural, viticultural, floricultural and apiary products;**
- B. Livestock and livestock products;**
- C. Animal products including, but not limited to, upland finfish, dairy products, meat, poultry and eggs;**
- D. Feed or forage for livestock;**
- E. Christmas trees, hybrid cottonwood and similar hardwood trees grown as crops and harvested within fifteen years of planting; and**
- F. Turf, sod, seed and related products.**



New Definition for Ag Activities



● **Agricultural activities**

those agricultural uses and practices that pertain directly to the commercial production of agricultural products, including, but not limited to:

- A. Tilling, discing, planting, seeding, fertilization, composting and other soil amendments and harvesting;**
- B. Grazing, animal mortality management and on-site animal waste storage, disposal and processing;**
- C. Soil conservation practices including dust control, rotating and changing agricultural crops and allowing agricultural lands to lie fallow under local, state or federal conservation programs;**
- D. Maintenance of farm and stock ponds, agricultural drainage, irrigation systems canals and flood control facilities;**
- E. Normal maintenance, operation and repair of existing serviceable equipment, structures, facilities or improved areas, including, but not limited to, fencing, farm access roads and parking; and**
- F. Processing, promotion, sale, storage, packaging and distribution.**

New Definition for Ag Support Services



- **Agricultural support services**

any agricultural activity that is directly related to agriculture and directly dependent upon agriculture for its existence but is undertaken on lands that are not predominately in agricultural use.



New Review Process



- **agricultural technical review committee**

authorized to review proposals to expand or modify agricultural activities and to site agricultural support services

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Streamlined Review Process

Quicker

Cost Savings

New Ag Table



- Used to be mixed with manufacturing, forestry, mining, and others
- Allowed Uses are clarified in a table in KCC that contains everything and only that which is agriculture-related

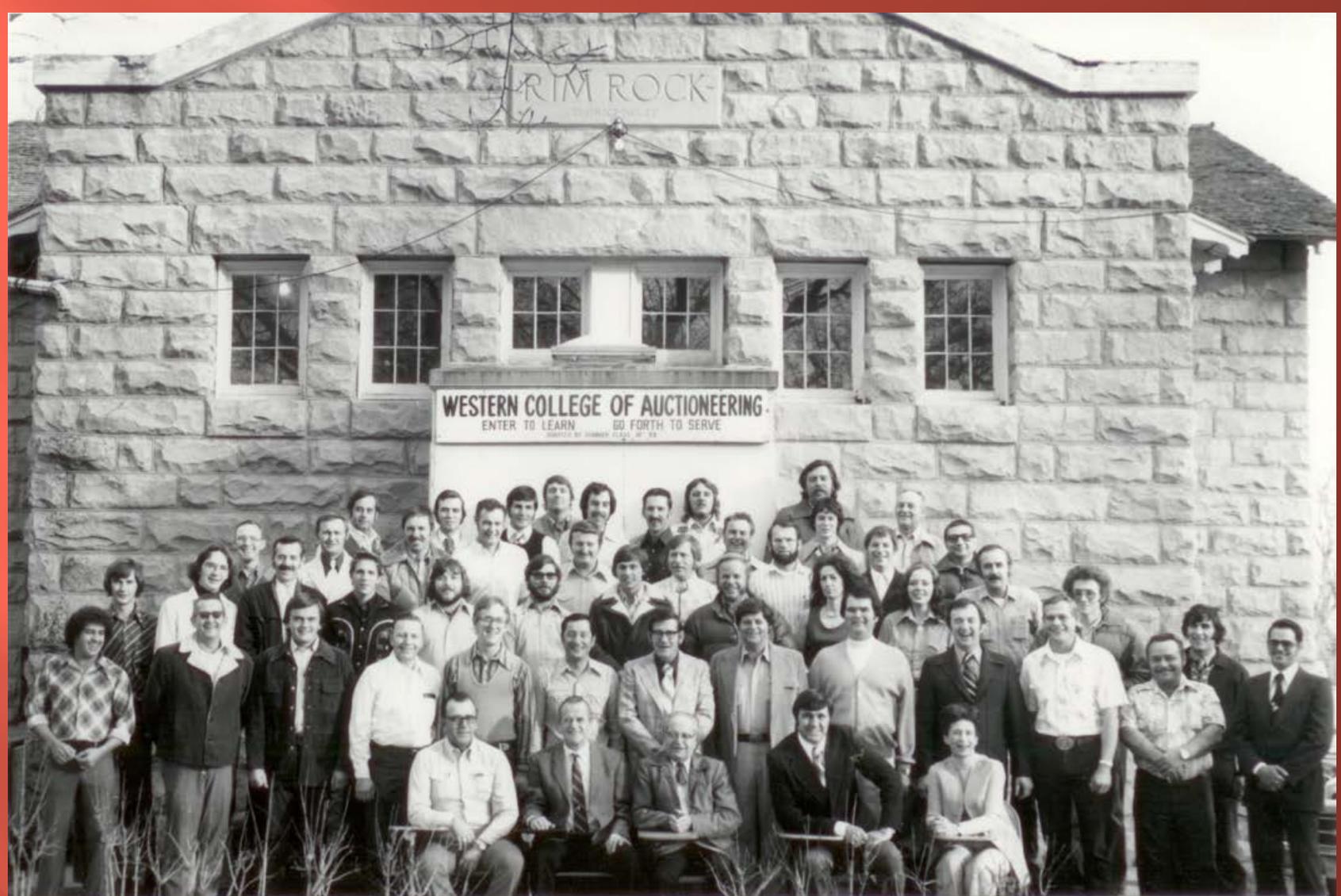


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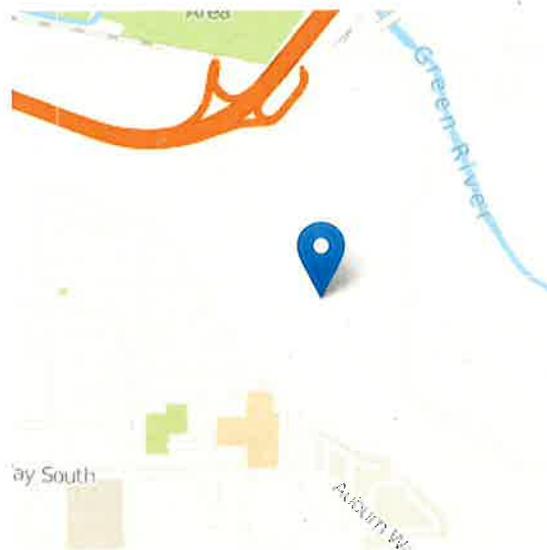
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