

KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY FEB 10, 2022

6:00-8:00 P.M.

ZOOM VIDEO CALL

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MEETING AGENDA

6:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">For the public record, please sign in via the chat feature or announce yourself by name and whether you are a commissioner, staff or member of the publicApproval of AgendaApproval of Meeting Minutes: <i>January</i>	Kevin Scott, Chair
6:05	Public Comment related to a specific agenda item <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Kevin Scott
6:10	Old Business - Updates (approx. 3 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commission Details<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ag policy and eventsFinancial Disclosure FormsGreen River PEIS letter CommitteeKing County Ag ProgramKing Conservation DistrictLocal Food InitiativeWashington State University CSANRKing-Pierce Farm BureauFarm Fish Flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Patrice BarrentineKevin ScottRichard MartinCarrie KingMike LufkinJordan JobeLeann KrainickRichard Martin
6:30	King County Comprehensive Plan Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">OverviewTimelineQ&A	Chris Jensen, KC Comp Plan Manager and Michael Murphy, KC DNRP
6:50	Old Business Planning for 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Topics calendarCommitteesBrainstorm by commissioners	Darron Marzolf, Kevin Scott
7:20	King County's Farmland Leasing Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">Farmland Property PortfolioFarmland ManagementHorseneck Farm 2021 and RFP for 2022 farmersInfrastructure in 2022Input from Commission	Melissa Borsting, Farmland Program Manager
7:50	General Public Comment <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Kevin Scott
7:55	Concerns of Commissioners	Kevin Scott
8:00	Adjourn	Kevin Scott

Next Meeting: March 10th, 2022



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King County Agriculture Commission
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Zoom Video Conference Call

Commissioners Present (Y/N)					
Kevin Scott-Vandenberg, Chair	Y	Andrew Ely	Y	Henry Wong	Y
Darron Marzolf, Vice-Chair	Y	Lily Gottlieb-McHale	N		
Jessi Bloom	Y	Janet Keller	Y		
Roger Calhoon	Y	Shelley Pasco	Y		
Ex Officio Members Present (Y/N)					
Fereshteh Dehkordi, DLS	N	Jordan Jobe, WSU	Y	Carrie King, KCD	N
County Staff/Representatives Present					
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP	Megan Moore, DNRP				
Richard Martin, DNRP	Jen Vanderhoof, DNRP				
Guests Present					
Laura Casey	Kim Roeser				
Leann Krainick	Dane Scarimbolo				

Meeting Summary

- **Actions: Approvals of Agenda/December 2021 Meeting Minutes; Green River PEIS Letter Committee**
- **Old Business: Commission, Policy, County, and Agriculture Organization Updates**
- **New Business: Policy Review – Green River Alternatives to PEIS; 2022 Commission Planning**
- **Presentations: Farming and Wildlife - Beavers**

Meeting called to order by Chair Kevin Scott-Vandenberg at 6:03 pm

Roll Call/Announcement of Staff & Public (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

Roll call of Commissioners and announcement of staff and public guests was done via Zoom’s chat function.

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Agenda (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

Darron Marzolf motioned to accept the agenda as-is. Janet Keller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ACTION: Approval of December 2021 Meeting Minutes (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

Darron Marzolf motioned to accept the minutes as-is. Henry Wong seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Related to Specific Agenda Item (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

There was no public comment given during this period.

Old Business – Updates

- **Commission Details/Agriculture Policy & Events (Patrice Barrentine):**
 - King County’s C-PACER program has launched. It is intended to support businesses in upgrading facilities to be more energy- and water-efficient. More information is available at KingCounty.gov.
 - Commission Re-Appointments: Darron Marzolf, Roger Calhoon, and Kevin Scott-Vandenberg’s re-appointments are complete. Lily Gottlieb-McHale’s still awaits King County Council (KCC) action.
 - New Commission Appointees: All new appointees are now fully confirmed.

- KC Comprehensive (“Comp”) Plan 2024 Update: Between now and June is the scoping process for the every-eight-years major update of the KC Comp Plan. There will be much work ahead for the Commission on issues affecting agriculture; more information will come in February.
- January 3, the KC Growth Management hearing board made a final ruling on the adult beverage ordinance. An appeal has already been filed. More information will come in February.
- The state legislature’s plan for a hybrid (virtual and in-person) session has been adjusted to be more virtual, due to developments concerning the Omicron strain of COVID-19.
- SB 5727, one of several bills introduced at request of Governor Inslee, is moving through the legislature. This bill would mandate planting/maintenance of riparian buffers for lands adjacent to water bodies key to salmon recovery. The Governor’s request stems from concern that voluntary methods are not working to recover salmon populations. Currently, bill language is unclear in how agriculture may be affected. The bill will likely mandate one fixed buffer width for all, and require counties and cities to amend comprehensive plans and codes to adhere to the new law. There remains uncertainty in many specifics, including how the legislation would address non-priority watersheds, enforcement, exemptions, and funding/costs. The bill is planned for full implementation by 2032. Washington Association of Counties has already submitted a letter of strong concern. A companion bill, HB 1838, will be heard before committee next week. Leann Krainick and Patrice Barrentine offered to send out more information on the bills.
- **Selection Committee (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg):** Five nominees for the Commission have been sent to DNR leadership and await a reply. Spring recruitment deadline is end of May; all past applicants are asked to re-apply.
- **King County Agriculture Program (Richard Martin):** Bee Cha, the County’s farm manager, is nearing the end of a three-year term with the County in May. At that point, the position will need to be backfilled. A Request for Proposal for a contractor with project management experience is being developed. Funding is available to support a contractor working half-time for six months. Patrice Barrentine will send out more information in coming weeks.
- **King Conservation District (Carrie King, via e-mail):**
 - Four candidates are running for seat #2 in KCD’s election. A postcard mailer will come in the next few days. Voting runs January 18 to February 8. Ballots can be submitted online, by postal mail, or drop-off at specific locations. More information is at <https://kingcd.org/about/board-of-supervisors/elections-and-appointments/>.
 - KCD’s [native plant sale](#) has nearly sold out in record time, with just nine species remaining. Order pickup is March 12-13 at the Tukwila Community Center.
 - The Regional Food Grant Program is exploring a grant partnership with the state Conservation Commission on irrigation efficiency projects in the Cedar-Sammamish watershed, a first for KCD.
 - KCD is working with KC DNR on the next set of strategic initiative investments for value-added products for food and farming, and for climate resiliency-related in infrastructure projects.
 - KCD is launching 17 grant projects with the County, related to: in infrastructure improvements, new farmer trainings, community agriculture projects, and other agricultural/community support efforts.
- **Local Food Initiative (Richard Martin):** A feasibility report finished in December to identify market needs for a food entrepreneurship center to be built in Kent. This would occupy 30,000 sf of production space for six to seven primary occupants, with Fair Start as anchor tenant. Its focus is to provide space and infrastructure to support food, food manufacturing, and food processing businesses that support local food industry. The project is set to launch mid-2022. Patrice Barrentine will send out a link with more information.
- **King-Pierce Farm Bureau (Leann Krainick):**
 - More information will come soon about the above-referenced buffer plantings-related legislative bills.
 - The “My Fork Supports Farms” social media campaign is in full swing. Any information on agriculture policy should be sent to Leann Krainick.
 - KPFB scholarships are available for associate members or higher pursuing agriculture studies as a high school senior or through a college degree in agriculture. Applications are due in April.
 - KPFB will hold an in-person meeting next week in the Sumner area, open to all members.
- **Farm Fish Flood 2.0 (Richard Martin):**
 - FFF project lead Beth leDoux has taken a temporary position elsewhere in KC DNR; it is unknown if she will return to the FFF position. Backfilling is underway for high-priority tasks, with Joan Lee at DNR taking lead.
 - Bobbi Lindemulder has agreed to serve as FFF farm caucus chair, following Marie Shimada’s departure.

New Business/Presentation: Farming and Wildlife - Beavers (Jen Vanderhoof, DNR)

Jen Vanderhoof, Senior Ecologist in DNR WLRD’s Science section, presented on impacts of beavers on agriculture. Benefits include increased water storage as well as groundwater supply and water quality improvements. Challenges mostly relate to land use, such as dams contributing to flooding and water backup, and felled trees.

Vanderhoof then reviewed methods to address beavers on private land, related permitting concerns, and several beaver resource documents in development by the County. Video of the presentation is available online [here](#). Vanderhoof encouraged anyone with concerns about beavers and agriculture to reach out; contact information is available, along with other beaver resources, at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/beavers>.

ACTION/New Business/Policy Review: Green River Alternatives to Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement [PEIS] (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg, Patrice Barrentine)

KC's Flood Control District is developing a Flood Hazard Management Plan (FHMP) to address likely increased future flooding in the heavily urban Lower Green River corridor. The plan would guide investments to reduce flooding. A Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) is underway. The PEIS is a study to analyze ways to provide flood protection and meet other objectives. Three alternative courses for the draft PEIS are proposed, with a public feedback period on these alternatives, and any additional impacts that should be considered, ending February 4. More information on the PEIS and FHMP is online at <http://www.lowergreensepa.org>.

Commission discussion concurred that agriculture impacts should be considered in development of this plan, and more specific information is needed. Patrice Barrentine showed two videos from the above-linked Lower Green SEPA website to provide overview and specifics for the three alternatives. Barrentine then reviewed a draft letter for the Commission to officially comment on the PEIS, soliciting feedback on the draft. It was generally agreed that the Commission opposes Alternative 1 due to its lack of proactive planning action; it was also suggested that farmers in the Lower Green corridor should provide input on this process, and the Commission receive an in-depth presentation on it.

A point was raised that this comment period specifically seeks feedback on which of the three proposed alternatives to pursue, thus the Commission's letter should be two-part in its approach: address the feedback being sought, then layer on any Commission concerns about what is wanted from this process. Due to the fast-approaching comment deadline, Kevin Scott-Vandenberg asked how to fast-track the letter for transmittal. Patrice Barrentine reviewed the options.

ACTION: Andrew Ely motioned to form a special Commission committee to take on the responsibility of formalizing a draft of this letter to be sent by a February 3 deadline. Shelley Pasco seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Ely, Pasco, Jordan Jobe, and Scott-Vandenberg agreed to serve as special committee for this letter.

2022 Commission Planning (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg, Patrice Barrentine)

Kevin Scott-Vandenberg directed Commissioners to review the 2022 topics calendar attached to the meeting packet. Commissioners should let Scott-Vandenberg and Patrice Barrentine know which topics should be looked at further, as well as gauge their interest in participating in Commission committees.

Public Comment – General (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

Dane Scarimbolo, local brewery owner, spoke on the above-referenced adult beverage ordinance ruling and importance of small businesses in rural areas, particularly for revenue. KC Roads' budget is declining, with sustainability likely to end by 2025, perhaps sooner due to the pandemic. Scarimbolo said 3.2% of retail sales occur in rural areas, with King County being the lowest in Washington state in encouraging small businesses in unincorporated areas. Lack of small businesses, and inability to retail their products, Scarimbolo continued, means declining infrastructure. Scarimbolo said 100% of the 1% sales tax in unincorporated areas goes to the County, but only 15% of that 1% goes to unincorporated KC if a sale occurs within city limits. Scarimbolo voiced frustration that no one is hearing these concerns; Kevin Scott-Vandenberg acknowledged them and agreed to take them to the Commission's Executive Committee. Scarimbolo also provided a link to information on KC's [Urban Unincorporated Community Investment Committee](#).

Concerns of Commissioners (Kevin Scott-Vandenberg)

There were no concerns voiced by Commissioners during this period.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Next Meeting(s)

February 10, 2022, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Zoom Video Conference Call)



Legislation, Conferences, Events and Key Dates

REGARDING KING COUNTY
AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY 2022

King County Events and Public Meetings



- <https://www.kingcounty.gov/about/news/events.aspx>
- Covid-19 Vaccination Pop-ups around the County
 - <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/vaccine/schedule.aspx>
- Metropolitan King County Council Meetings every Tuesday

Agriculture Commission Web Page Updates

Thank you Megan!

- <https://kingcounty.gov/services/environment/water-and-land/agriculture/commission/events.aspx>

Video Presentation
Now Online

The screenshot shows the King County website's Agriculture Commission Meetings page. The page features a navigation menu with 'Home', 'How do I...', 'Services', 'About King County', and 'Departments'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area includes a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Services > Environment > Water and land services > Agriculture > Agriculture Commission > Activities calendar'. The page title is 'King County Agriculture Commission Meetings'. Below the title, there is a note: 'Tentative schedule - please check to confirm each month.' and a paragraph stating: 'The commission meets 9 times each year. Unless advertised differently, all meetings will be held 6-8 pm via Zoom video conference call on the second Thursday of each month except June, August, or December. If you are interested in attending a Commission meeting, please contact Patrice Barrentine to confirm the meeting log-in/location and time, or to receive monthly meeting notifications and agendas by email.' A table titled '2022 Meetings' lists the following data:

Date	Time	Location	Agenda/Materials	Status
January 13	6 - 8 pm	Video Conference Call via Zoom	Packet Presentations: (1)	Held
February 10	6 - 8 pm	Video Conference Call via Zoom	Packet	TBD
March				TBD
April				TBD



Beavers: Benefits, Challenges, Solutions, & More

Jen Vanderhoof, Senior Ecologist

January 3,
2022

Growth Management Hearings Board
issued final decision and order

King County Adult Beverage Ordinance 19030

Update coming soon



2022 Session Calendar

Month	Day	Weekday	Day Number
February	1	T	23
	2	W	24
	3	Th	25
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FEB 7 LAST DAY FOR COMM REPORTS IN HOUSE FISCAL, SENATE WAYS & MEANS, TRANSPORTATION

FEB 15 LAST DAY TO CONSIDER BILLS IN HOUSE OF ORIGIN

FEB 24 LAST DAY FOR COMM REPORTS FROM OPPOSITE HOUSE (EXCEPT HOUSE FISCAL, SENATE WAYS & MEANS, TRANSPORTATION)

FEB 28 LAST DAY FOR COMM REPORTS FROM OPPOSITE HOUSE FOR HOUSE FISCAL, SENATE WAYS & MEANS, TRANSPORTATION

MAR 5 Last day to consider opposite house bills (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, amendments, differences, and business related to the interim or closing the session).*

* After 5:00p.m. initiatives to implement




NEWS JANUARY 27
With his signature, Inslee pauses WA Cares
program for 18 months

<https://www.nwnewsnetwork.org/2022-01-27/with-his-signature-inslee-pauses-wa-cares-program-for-18-months>

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee on Thursday signed into law a bill that delays the start of a controversial long-term care benefit program known as WA Cares for 18 months. A second measure signed by Inslee will allow certain workers to opt out of the first-in-the-nation program.

Under the newly adopted timeline, the payroll deduction will start in July 2023 with benefits beginning in July 2026

Died in Committee: House and Senate



NEWS January 28
Inslee's mandatory buffer bill failing to move

SB 5727 and HB 1838
Riparian Bills would require mandatory buffer plantings for lands adjacent to water bodies for salmon recovery

Washington state legislative session

- OLYMPIA — Gov. Jay Inslee said Thursday his mandatory buffer bill probably won't pass, blaming opposition on a lack of support for cooling streams to save salmon.
- Inslee's legislation calling for wide strips of vegetation along waterways crossing farms and other rural private property **has not received a hearing in the Senate and stalled in the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.**

Died in Committee



SB 5300 - 2021-22

Prohibiting the feeding of garbage to swine.

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5300&Year=2021&initiative=false>

May have relevance for our food waste to farms work; monitoring the bill

After being sent back to the Senate from the House in 2021; reintroduced in 2022 and has not moved out of committee; “died in committee”.



NEW WSDA Meat Processing Capacity [Grants](#)

Applications Due - Small Projects	February 28, 2022
Applications Due - Large Projects	March 7, 2022

	<i>Grant Amount</i>	<i>Grant Project Timeline</i>
Small Projects	up to \$150,000	April 1 - June 30, 2022
Large Projects	\$150,000 to \$750,000	April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



SAVE
THE
DATE

Northwest Regional Webinar on Proposed Agricultural Water Rule

Co-hosted by NASDA and the Washington State
Department of Agriculture

Date: March 2, 2022

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM Pacific Time

The webinar is being held to discuss the recently released FDA proposed rule, "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption Relating to Agricultural Water".

During the webinar, key FDA officials will provide an overview of the proposed rule and will be available to answer questions.

Contact for the Washington State Department of
Agriculture:
Connie Fisk - CFisk@agr.wa.gov



Washington
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Agriculture



Northwest Regional Webinar on Proposed Agricultural Water Rule

For those of you using well/surface/etc. ag water sources for irrigation and produce washing, this zoom session will be of interest on March 2.

Events

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 863 5288 9010

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FARMING ON THE URBAN EDGE

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
WINTER 21 - SPRING 22

**WSU Launches New “Farming
on the Urban Edge” a 5-
Part Virtual Conference
starting November 12th, 2021**

*Videos, Events, Resources and Networking
for Farmers, Policy-makers, Educators, and
Food Systems Stakeholders on the urban
edge*

Events

WSU FARMING ON THE EDGE
[HTTPS://WWW.PERIURBANAGRICULTURE.ORG/CONFERENCESESSIONS](https://www.periurbanagriculture.org/conferencesessions)



FARMERS MARKET CONFERENCE

Charting Change & Embracing the Future
of Farmers Markets Together!



Photo of Full Tilt Farm Co-Owner, Renee Ziemann & Intern, Yasi Shaker

Farm Vendor Day

Whether you are a seasoned farmers market vendor or considering selling at a farmers market for the first time in 2022, the Farm Vendor Track on February 25th will provide you with tools for the 2022 season and help you strengthen your farmers market business.

Date **February 25, 2022**

Time **9.00 AM - 1.30 PM**

Venue **Online via Whova**

- Keynote Speaker: WSDA Director Sandison
- Workshop: Farmers Markets 101 for new and returning vendors
- Workshop: Hiring for Farmers Market Success
- Closing Keynote: Audra Mulkern founder of the Female Farmer Project



Special \$35 registration available for any farm vendor interested in a one-day rate.

Questions? call 206-706-5198 or E-mail info@wafarmersmarkets.org

Events

WASHINGTON STATE FARMERS
MARKET CONFERENCE

[HTTPS://WAFARMERSMARKETS
.ORG/CONFERENCE/2022 -
FEB/](https://wafarmersmarkets.org/conference/2022-feb/)

LOCAL FOOD

Initiative News



KING COUNTY Department of Natural Resources and Parks

[Cultivate South Park is increasing food access and food justice through neighborhood led projects](#)



[More farmers on more farmland: SnoValley Tilth preparing growers for success at Snoqualmie River Farm](#)

[Congratulations to the 2021 King Conservation District grant awardees!](#)

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January 27, 2022

Michelle Clark
Executive Director, King County Flood Control District
516 Third Ave, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Clark:

The King County Agriculture Commission was established to provide guidance and advice to the King County Executive and Council on issues that affect agriculture in King County. We want to take this opportunity to provide some initial comments to the King County Flood Control District (FCD) during the scoping process for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Lower Green River Valley.

The Lower Green River Corridor project area includes one of King County's five Agricultural Production Districts (APD): Lower Green River APD. APDs are specifically identified in the King County Comprehensive Plan as critically important resource areas where agriculture is the primary land use. The Lower Green River APD is an extremely important region for local food production and supports some of King County's most valuable agricultural soils. Farms in the PEIS study area are primarily market farms that sell directly to the public from their farm stands or through several of the 40 farmers markets in King County. In addition, one of the largest vegetable growers in the County is in this study area; primarily selling to mainline regional grocery stores and a critical element of the local food economy. Lastly, King County owns three farms in the study area. Those farms are central to the County's ESJ and Local Food Initiative's goals by supporting beginning and historically underserved (BIPOC) farmers to ensure the future of farming in King County.

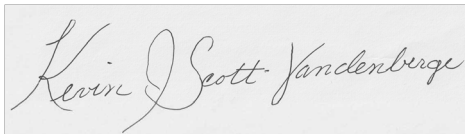
The materials released by the FCD in support of the PEIS scoping effort identified three primary alternatives. Because issues related to flooding and land protection are best addressed at a landscape scale, the Agriculture Commission is opposed to Alternative 1, which does not require development of an area-specific Flood Hazard Management Plan and addresses projects on a case-by-case basis. In contrast, Alternatives 2 and 3 include collaborative development of an area-specific Flood Hazard Management Plan and examine projects from a regional perspective. We are, however, concerned that protection of agriculture is not highlighted as one of the most important community and environmental objectives since the study area includes the APD. While we understand and support efforts to restore habitat along the river, farmland preservation must be explicitly identified as a goal, especially farms within the APD and farms protected

through King County's Farmland Preservation Program. We request that proposals for siting flood management features on or near farmable land be carefully considered and include recommendations to mitigate for the degradation of any component of the working farmland system (including currently farmed land, fallow farmable land, irrigation and drainage systems, transportation and agritourism access, etc.), and that potential projects seek to improve farmland systems. Similarly, upgrading 100-year flood protections to 500- year flood protections for the project area will alter flooding in the Green River Valley, and may include significant infrastructure projects. Protecting farmland and farmland function by explicitly assessing the potential impacts to farmland in regard to the depth of flooding, flow rates, and timing will be critical to farms. The impacts of the construction and placement of flood reduction infrastructure in the floodplain on or near agricultural lands should be considered when developing and designing projects.

The commission looks forward to reviewing the completed PEIS and is available to answer any questions you may have about the agricultural needs in the study area while completing the PEIS. The Commission also respectfully requests that when there are large-scale Flood Control District proposals that potentially affect farmland, such as this PEIS, that a representative of the District provide a briefing to the Commission very early in the process to give Commission members an opportunity to discuss the proposal in some detail. This would be in addition to the normal public outreach efforts that the District typically coordinates.

In an effort to begin better communication and input from the commission, we respectfully request an update on the PEIS process at the commission's March 10, 2022 meeting, or as soon as can be arranged.

Sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin J. Scott-Vandenberg".

Kevin J. Scott-Vandenberg, Chair
King County Agriculture Commission

cc: King County Flood Control District, Board of Supervisors
Dow Constantine, County Executive, King County
Christie True, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)
Mo McBroom, Deputy Director, DNRP
Josh Baldi, Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD),
DNRP
Katherine Taylor, Government Relations, DNRP
Richard Martin, Manager, AFI, WLRD, DNRP
Patrice Barrentine, Staff Liaison, Agriculture Commission, WLRD, DNRP

AGENDA TOPICS FOR 2022

KING COUNTY AG COMMISSION



2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location
January 13	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
February 10	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
March 10	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
April 14	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
May 12	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
June	none	
July 14	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
August	none	
September 8	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
October 13	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
November 10	6-8 pm	Via Zoom
December	none	

AG COMMISSION (DRAFT) PLANNING FOR 2022

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

Farming and Wildlife: Beavers

Agricultural Drainage (ADAP) and Comprehensive Drainage Program

Working Farmland Partnership

Ag Commission Communications Plan

Planning for 2022

Reconnecting in 2022; Farmer Outreach on Behalf of Commission

KC Comprehensive Plan: Policy Update

Commission Field Trip: Sammamish APD

- Update on Recycled Water Project (WA Water Trust; Research and Trial Results from UW and WSU);
- Viva Farms
- KC's Sammamish Farm
- Friends of Sammamish Valley

X

Farming and Wildlife: Waterfowl

KC Farmland Leasing Program

Farm Practices Illustrated

Farm Fish Flood Agriculture Land Resource Strategic Plan: Update and Feedback

X

Policy Field Trip: Snoqualmie APD

X



2022 COMMITTEES

- Field Trip
- Land Use
- Selection
- Policy/ Farm, Fish, Flood

FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE

Plan for 2 field trips

Establish purpose, key goals, and itinerary

Commission field trip and

Policy field trip for Council members and staff

- *Work with Policy Committee to create purpose and key goals*

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Farmland Preservation Program

- ❑ Guidance on new acquisitions (Fee and easement)
- ❑ Recommendation on future program priorities (i.e., rural area farms)

Also some items from

- *Farm, Fish, Flood*
- *Code Changes*
- *Comprehensive Plan*
- *Land Conservation Initiative*

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Recruiting and Selecting new Members to the Commission

- Conduct recruitment by end of May*
- Select Commission Priorities*
- Review applications/interviews*
- Make recommendations to DNRP for 2023 seats*

POLICY COMMITTEE

- King County Comprehensive Plan
- King County WLRD Budget Priorities (FFF Pilot Project continued Support + Local Food Initiative Support)
- King County Flood Management Plan
- Farm, Fish, Flood
- Code Changes
- Make recommendations for presentations to full Commission on these topics*
- Review policy recommendations*
- Make recommendations to commission for action in the form of letters and/or testimony*
- Make recommendations for policy-related purpose and key goals to Field Trip Committee*

AG COMMISSION PLANNING FOR 2021

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

Recycled Water Project in Sammamish APD

KC DNRP and Commission re: Social Media and Ag in KC

ECY's Watershed Restoration Enhancement Committee (WREC) planning process results for WRAs 8 and 9: Protecting Irrigation Water

County Assessor Current Use Program

Emergency Preparation for Farms; wildfire evac: fairgrounds; evacuation plans: Emergency Mgmt (Kimmy Devaney)

FFF Ag Strategic Plan Update

Compost Pilot and Food Waste to Feed Update and Strategies

Meeting new KCD Executive Director

Starting Selection Committee and preparing for Electing Officers

Selection Committee

Wildlife and Livestock: Predators

Revising KC Farmland Leasing Program

Surface Water Design and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual

SCAP: Food Waste to Feed; SWM fees

Farm Practices Illustrated: Farmworker Housing

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Election of Officers

SCAP and Ag: Utilities, and Public input

Land: Farm Real Estate and Covid

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Welcoming new Commissioners

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Farmland Preservation Program Update

40th Anniversary of Farmland Preservation Program

Pulse of the KC Ag Sector