

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KING  
COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT  
AND KING COUNTY FOR  
OPPORTUNITY FUND PROJECTS**

THIS INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT is entered into between KING COUNTY, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington ("County"), and the KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT, a quasi municipal corporation of the State of Washington ("District") ("Parties" or when singular "Party"), and shall be effective upon execution by the Municipality and the District.

**Article I. Recitals.**

In April 2007, the King County Council, as authorized by chapter 86.15 RCW, created the District as a quasi-municipal corporation. The King County Council members ex officio constitute the Board of Supervisors of the District, the governing body of the District.

In Resolution FCZD 2008-15.2, the Board of Supervisors approved the District's 2009 budget and annual work program, and allocated 10 percent of the District's annual property tax revenues for a sub-regional opportunity fund to be used by King County municipalities . The Board of Supervisors further determined that eligibility of projects for opportunity funds be based on consistency with chapter 86.15 RCW; provided that expenditures under RCW 86.15.035 and RCW 39.34.190 for salmonid habitat protection be linked to the construction of a flood or stormwater project. The Board of Supervisors also allocated the opportunity funds to a municipality based on that municipality's proportional contribution to the overall King County assessed valuation, as collected.

In Resolution FCZD 2009-01.1, the Board of Supervisors included the projects and activities described in Attachment A to this Agreement in an amendment to the District's annual budget and work program for the year 2009.

The Board of Supervisors desires to have the County implement its approved opportunity fund projects and activities for the years 2008 and 2009, as well as the projects and activities that are approved for the County in subsequent District annual budgets and work programs. The County desires to implement such projects and activities, and to receive opportunity funds to finance in whole or in part such projects and activities.

The County and the District are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Chapter 39.34 RCW (the Interlocal Cooperation Act), and agree as follows:

**Article II. Definitions.**

2.1 Eligibility Criteria. The term "Eligibility Criteria" means one of the two following criteria that Projects shall meet to qualify for Opportunity Funds:

2.1.1. Under RCW 86.15.110, Opportunity Funds may be expended for either flood control improvements or stormwater control improvements that are extended, enlarged, acquired or constructed, provided that the County has developed a comprehensive plan of development for flood control or for stormwater control, respectively, and the improvement contributes to the objectives of the plan. For flood control improvements, such plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Department of Ecology. In addition, for newly constructed improvements, the County shall develop preliminary engineering studies and plans, and such plans and studies shall be filed with

the District's engineer. For all projects, the County shall provide cost estimates and underlying data and shall describe the benefit provided by the improvement.

2.1.2. Pursuant to the criteria in RCW 86.15.035 and RCW 39.34.190, as modified by Resolution FCZD 2008-15.2, District funds may be expended for cooperative watershed management actions, including watershed management partnerships and other intergovernmental agreements, for the purposes of water supply, water quality, and water resource and habitat protection and management, provided that Opportunity Funds expended for salmon habitat protection shall be linked to the construction of a flood or stormwater project, and provided further that all such funds shall be used for the implementation of watershed management plans, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Watershed plans developed under chapter 90.82 RCW;
- b. Salmon recovery plans developed under chapter 77.85 RCW;
- c. Watershed management elements of comprehensive land use plans developed under the growth management act, chapter 36.70A RCW;
- d. Watershed management elements of shoreline master programs developed under the shoreline management act, chapter 90.58 RCW;
- e. Nonpoint pollution action plans developed under the Puget Sound water quality management planning authorities of chapter 90.71 RCW and chapter 400-12 WAC;
- f. Other comprehensive management plans addressing watershed health at a WRIA level or sub-WRIA basin drainage level;
- g. Coordinated water system plans under chapter 70.116 RCW and similar regional plans for water supply; and
- h. Any combination of the foregoing plans in an integrated watershed management plan.

The authority to use funds for implementation of these plans is broadly construed to include:

1. Coordination and oversight of watershed management plan implementation, including funding a watershed management partnership for this purpose;
2. Technical support, monitoring, and data collection and analysis;

3. Design, development, construction, and operation of projects included in the plan; and
4. Conducting activities and programs included as elements in the plan.

2.2 Project. The term "Project" or "Projects" means specific projects or activities that meet the Eligibility Criteria of this Agreement, are approved by the Board of Supervisors in a resolution approving the annual budget and work program, or amendment thereto, and are described in an attachment to this Agreement that is approved pursuant to this Agreement.

2.3 Opportunity Funds. The term "Opportunity Funds" means the funds made available by the Board of Supervisors to the municipalities within King County for implementation of Projects. For each of the years 2008 and 2009, these funds represent 10 percent of property tax revenues collected for each of those years, and are available to individual municipalities based on the proportional amount that municipality's assessed valuation as collected (as determined by the King County Assessor's office) bears to the entire amount of assessed valuation in all of King County (as determined by the King County Assessor's office). For the years after 2009, this term means District funds that are designated as "Opportunity Funds" by the Board of Supervisors in either a resolution approving the District's annual budget and work program or a separate resolution.

2.4 Service Provider. The term "Service Provider" means the Water and Land Resources Division of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks.

**Article III. Duration of Agreement--Survival of Agreement.**

This Agreement shall be effective upon execution by both Parties, and shall remain in effect until terminated by one or both of the Parties. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of termination to the other Party no less than sixty

(60) days prior to the effective date of termination. This Agreement also may be terminated upon mutual agreement of the Parties expressed in writing. Sections 4.2, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 and Article VII shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

**Article IV. Conditions of Agreement.**

4.1 Project Descriptions. The initial approved Projects are described in Attachment A, which is incorporated by reference. Subsequent approved Projects shall be described in new Attachments to this Agreement that are approved through the amendment process of Section 7.2.2, which Attachments shall be incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

4.2 Use of Funds. The County shall use Opportunity Funds distributed pursuant to this Agreement only for expenses related to the Projects.

**Article V. Responsibilities of County.**

5.1 Project Application and Description. The County may submit an application for distribution of Opportunity Funds within a period of time designated by the Service Provider and on a form approved by the Service Provider. As part of the application to receive Opportunity Funds, the County shall submit to the Service Provider the following information for each proposed Project:

5.1.1. Name of proposed project or activity;

5.1.2. Description of the flooding, stormwater, or watershed management problem to be addressed (one to two paragraphs);

5.1.3. Description of how the proposed project or activity will address the problem (one to two paragraphs);

5.1.4. Type of project or activity (e.g., feasibility study, design, construction, acquisition, programmatic activities, etc.);

5.1.5. Description of how the project or activity satisfies the “Eligibility Criteria,” as defined in this Agreement;

5.1.6. Identification of the plan (flood control, stormwater control, or watershed management) that includes the Project;

5.1.7. Product/deliverable and, for constructed Projects, design plans or studies; and

5.1.8. Schedule, milestones, costs and budget for each Project, consistent with the requirements of this Agreement.

The schedule for a Project shall provide for the expenditure of Opportunity Funds within two years after the commencement date of the Project. The County shall submit a request for distribution of Opportunity Funds after an actual expenditure is incurred for the Project, provided that the County may request distribution of up to 10 percent of Opportunity Funds for a Project upon approval of a Project by the Board of Supervisors. After approval of the Project by the Board of Supervisors, the application form, as approved by the Board of Supervisors, shall become an attachment to this Agreement through the amendment process in Section 7.2.2.

5.2 County Obligations for Projects. The County shall implement the Project as described and provided for in the approved attachment to this Agreement. Upon receipt, the County shall deposit Opportunity Funds in a separate account, which shall accrue interest at the rate earned by the County on its investments. To request a

distribution of Opportunity Funds, the County shall submit to the Service Provider such information and proof of expenditure as requested by the Service Provider.

5.3. Projects Seeking Opportunity Funds Beyond Current Appropriation Year. The County may request distribution of Opportunity Funds beyond the appropriation year for the District's budget and annual work program, provided that District approval of such distribution of Opportunity Funds shall not be construed as nor constitute a District obligation or commitment to appropriate Opportunity Funds for the Project beyond the approved appropriation year. The District shall have no obligation to provide Opportunity Funds beyond the appropriation year for the District's budget and annual work program, provided that the District shall distribute to the County after such appropriation year any Opportunity Funds that were allocated to the County in such appropriation year and in previous years and that have not been distributed to the County.

5.4 Reporting.

5.4.1. Until the Project is completed or all Opportunity Funds for a Project have been spent, the County shall provide semi-annually to the Service Provider brief written reports describing the progress on and status of the Project and any other relevant information that the Service Provider may request to determine compliance with this Agreement.

5.4.2. Upon completion of a Project, or upon expenditure of all of the Opportunity Funds for the Project, whichever occurs first, the County shall submit a final report to the Service Provider within 90 days of such completion or expenditure. The final report shall contain a summary of all Project expenditures, copies of invoices if requested by the Service Provider, a description of the Project status and accomplishments, and other

relevant information requested by the Service Provider to verify compliance with this Agreement. The final report also shall contain a certification that all Opportunity Funds provided to the County were expended solely on the Project in accordance with this Agreement and the Project approval. If a Project is not completed prior to termination of this Agreement, a report as described in this Section shall be provided to the Service Provider within 90 days of such termination. All records relating to a Project shall be retained by the County for a minimum of seven years, unless required by law to be retained for a longer period, in which case the longer period shall apply.

5.5 County obligations upon Project completion or termination. As consideration for receipt Opportunity Funds to implement the Project, the County agrees that:

5.5.1. If the Project involves developing a report or study, undertaking a study or collecting data, or producing written or electronic materials of any kind, copies of all such materials shall be provided upon request to the District or the Service Provider; and

5.5.2. If the Project involves the acquisition, extension, enlargement, or construction of a physical improvement, the County shall take ownership of, and shall be obligated to operate, maintain, and repair such improvement for the ordinary expected useful life of such improvement.

5.5.3 If the County terminates a Project, and the County has not expended all of the Opportunity Funds paid in advance pursuant to Section 6.3, the County shall return to the Service Provider the remaining Opportunity Funds within 60 days of the close of the calendar year in which the Project was terminated. Such returned Opportunity Funds shall be credited to the County's Opportunity Fund account, and may be used on future



approved Projects, provided that if the Board of Supervisors has terminated the Opportunity Fund program at that time, the returned Opportunity Funds may be used by the District for District projects and activities.

**Article VI. Responsibilities of District.**

6.1 Upon timely submission of a Project application by the County, the Service Provider will review the application, provide reasonable and appropriate feedback, and consider including the Project as an element of the District's annual budget and work program.

6.2 If the Board of Supervisors approves the Project application by including the Project in the District's annual budget and work program, or an amendment thereto, the Service Provider shall attach a copy of the Project application as approved to this Agreement and it shall become a part hereof.

6.3 The District, through the Service Provider, shall distribute Opportunity Funds, up to the remaining amount of the County's total Opportunity Fund allocation, after County expenditure of funds for a Project as set forth in the approved schedule for the Project, provided that upon request of the County, the District shall pay up to 10 percent of the total Opportunity Funds allocated for a Project upon approval of an attachment to this Agreement. The Service Provider shall pay the Opportunity Funds after confirming that the expenditures have been made consistent with the Project approval and schedule.

6.4 The District assumes no obligation for future support of Projects meeting the Eligibility Criteria except as expressly set forth in this Agreement.

6.5 The District shall have no obligation to provide Opportunity Funds beyond the appropriation year for the District's budget and annual work program, provided that the District shall distribute to the County after such appropriation year any Opportunity Funds that were allocated to the County in such appropriation year and in previous years and that have not been distributed to the County.

**Article VII. Other Provisions.**

7.1 Hold Harmless and Indemnification.

7.1.1. The District assumes no responsibility for the direct payment of any compensation, fees, wages, benefits or taxes to or on behalf of the County, its employees, contractors or others by reason of this Agreement. The County shall protect, indemnify and save harmless the District, its officers, agents, employees and the Service Provider from any and all claims, cost and whatsoever occurring or resulting from (1) the County's failure to pay any compensation, fees, wages, benefits or taxes, and (2) the supplying to the County of works services, materials or supplies by County employees or agents or other contractors or suppliers in connection with or in support of performance of this Agreement.

7.1.2. The County further agrees that it is financially responsible for and will repay the District all indicated amounts following an audit exception, which occurs due to the negligent or intentional acts by the County, its officers, employees, agents or representatives.

7.1.3. The County shall protect, indemnify and save harmless the District from any and all costs, claims, judgments, or awards of damages, arising out of or in any way resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of the County, its officers, employees or agents in connection with the implementation of the terms of this Agreement and/or

implementation of the Projects. For purpose of this Agreement only, the County agrees to waive the immunity granted it for industrial insurance claims pursuant to Washington Statute Chapter 51 to the extent necessary to extend its obligations under this paragraph to any claim, demand, or cause of action brought by or on behalf of any employee, including judgments, awards and costs arising therefrom including attorney's fees.

7.2 Amendment.

7.2.1. This Agreement may be modified by written instrument approved by the County Council and the District Board of Supervisors and signed by the Parties.

7.2.2. This Agreement also may be modified by additional attachment for Projects subsequently approved by the Board of Supervisors. After approval of a Project in the District's annual budget and work program, or amendment thereto, the Project application as approved shall become an attachment to this Agreement and shall constitute an amendment to this Agreement without further action by either Party.

7.3 Contract Waiver. No waiver by either Party of any term or condition of this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to be a waiver of any other term or condition, nor shall a waiver of any breach be deemed to constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach whether of the same or different provision of this Agreement. No waiver shall be effective unless made in writing.

7.4 No Third Party Rights. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create any rights in or duties to any third party, nor any liability to or standard of care with reference to any third party.

7.5 Entirety. This Agreement is the complete expression of the terms hereto and any oral representations or understandings not incorporated are excluded. This Agreement

merges and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations and agreements between the parties relating to the projects and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. The parties recognize that time is of the essence in the performance of the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, authorized representatives of the parties hereto have signed their names in the spaces put forth below:

  
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By Bob Burns for  
Mayor (or County Manager or Executive)  
Date: 4/13/12

Approved as to form:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipal Attorney  
County

KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
ZONE DISTRICT

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director  
Date: 9 July 2009

Acting under the authority of  
Resolution FCZD 2008-15.2