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# I. Purpose

To adopt the 2021 edition of the *Surface Water Design Manual*, which is an update to the 2016 *Surface Water Design Manual* to improve the clarity of its requirements and be equivalent with the state's 2019 *Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington*.

**Applicability and Audience** This rule applies to: landowners and residents of unincorporated King County, applicants, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP), and its Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD), or their successor agencies; and the Department of Local Services, Permitting Division (DLS-Permitting).

## II. Definitions

"Applicant" means a property owner or a public agency or public or private utility that owns a right-of-way or other easement or has been adjudicated the right to such an easement under RCW 8.12.090, or any person or entity designated or named in writing by the property or easement owner to be the applicant, in an application for a development proposal, permit or approval.

"Development" means any activity that requires a permit or approval, including, but not limited to, a building permit, grading permit, shoreline substantial development permit, conditional use permit, special use permit, zoning variance or reclassification, subdivision, short subdivision, urban planned development, binding site plan, site development permit or right-of-way use permit. "Development" does not include forest management activities, as defined in K.C.C. chapter 21A.06.

"Drainage" means the collection, conveyance, containment or discharge, or any combination thereof, of surface water or stormwater runoff.

"Drainage review" means an evaluation by King County staff of a proposed project's compliance with the drainage requirements in the Surface Water Design Manual.

"Stormwater" means the water produced during precipitation or snowmelt, which runs off, soaks into the ground, or is dissipated through evapotranspiration.

"Surface Water Design Manual" means the manual, and supporting documentation referenced or incorporated in the manual, describing surface water and stormwater design and analysis requirements, procedures and guidance. The "Surface Water Design Manual" is formally adopted by rule under the procedures in K.C.C. chapter 2.98 and is available from the Department of Local Services, Permitting Division or

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the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Resources Division, or their successor agencies.

## III. **Policy**

#### Α. General

The Surface Water Design Manual contains the King County surface water and stormwater design and analysis requirements, procedures, and guidance for development applications in unincorporated King County.

## B. **Availability**

The 2021 edition of the Surface Water Design Manual will be available for reading at http://www.kingcounty.gov/stormwater.

### C. Severability

If any provision of this Public Rule or its application to any person or property is held invalid, the remainder of the Public Rule or the application of the provision to other persons or property shall not be affected.

#### D. **Liberal Construction**

This Public Rule is exempt from the rule of strict construction and shall be liberally construed to give full effect to the objectives and purposes for which it was adopted.

#### E. **Procedures**

Action By	Action	
DNRP Director	1.	Reviews the Surface Water Design Manual (Manual) and revises it when necessary.
DLS-Permitting	2.	Determines if a development application is subject to drainage review and thus required to comply with the <i>Manual</i> .
Applicant	3.	Prepares drainage plans in compliance with the <i>Manual</i> and submits those drainage plans to the department or division performing drainage review as specified in K.C.C. 9.04.070.
DLS- Permitting or WLRD	4.	Performs drainage review of the plans submitted by

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the applicant in Step 3.

- a. Works with the applicant to address any Manual compliance issues.
- b. Approves the drainage plans as compliant with the Manual.

**Applicant** 

5. Constructs the drainage improvements required by the approved plans and the *Manual* and maintains them in accordance with *Manual* until provisions are made for made for transfer of maintenance responsibility to another entity as specified in the Manual.

# F. Responsibilities

- The Department of Natural Resources & Parks, Water and Land Resources Division is responsible for:
  - a. Issuing revisions to the Surface Water Design Manual when necessary.
  - b. Providing training on the Manual to the general public, developers, and employees of the Department of Local Services, Permitting Division.
  - Performing drainage review of WLRD surface water and stormwater projects C. and other government agency linear projects as specified in K.C.C. 9.04.070.
- 2. The Department of Local Services, Permitting Division is responsible for:
  - Determining if a development application is subject to drainage review and a. must comply with the Manual.
  - b. Performing drainage review of all development projects, except WLRD surface water and stormwater projects and other government agency linear projects as specified in K.C.C. 9.04.070.
  - Inspecting development construction and sites for compliance with approved C. drainage plans and the *Manual*.
- 3. The applicant is responsible, at a minimum, for:
  - a. Demonstrating that the development application complies with the *Manual*.

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b. Constructing the drainage improvements required by the approved plans and the Manual.

Maintaining the drainage improvements required by the approved plans and C. the *Manual* until such time as provisions are made for transfer of maintenance responsibility to another entity in accordance with the Manual.

### IV. Implementation Plan

A. This rule becomes effective on July 1, 2021, or 30 days after filing with King County Archives, Records Management and Mail Services, whichever comes later.

#### V. Maintenance

A. This rule will be maintained by WLRD, or its successor agency.

## VI. **Consequences for Noncompliance**

King County Department of Local Services, Permitting Division and Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Resource Division are responsible for enforcing compliance with King County Code chapter 9.04 and this rule. Pursuant to King County Code (KCC) section 9.04.180, failure to comply with this rule is subject to the enforcement and penalty provisions of KCC Title 23, Code Compliance.

## Appendices:

- A. 2021 Surface Water Design Manual Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6: and Appendices A, B, C, and D.
- B. 2021 Surface Water Design Manual Landslide Hazard Drainage Areas Map.
- C. 2021 Surface Water Design Manual Flow Control Applications Map.
- D. 2021 Surface Water Design Manual Water Quality Applications Map.