

# WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA 9 (WRIA 9) WATERSHED ECOSYSTEM FORUM



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July 31, 2014

Mr. Bill Knutsen  
Chair, Board of Supervisors  
KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
1107 SW Grady Way, Suite 130  
Renton, WA 98057



Dear Mr. Knutsen:

It has been the privilege of the Management Committee of the Watershed Ecosystem Forum (WEF) to work with the King Conservation District (KCD) as the Salmon Recovery Lead Entity for Water Resource Inventory Area 9 (WRIA 9).

We are aware of the KCD plan to respond to a nearly one and a half year stakeholder process by submitting an expanded Program of Work to the King County Council on August 1, which includes a request to reinstate your legislative funding ceiling of nearly \$10.00 per parcel.

Although the WRIA 9 WEF was not directly involved in the KCD Advisory Committee that helped inform the proposed Program of Work, we are pleased that the proposed work will support implementation of habitat actions identified in the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan, ***Making Our Watershed Fit for a King***. Most notably, the proposed *Rural Small Lot Forestry and Urban Tree Canopy Development and Shoreline and Riparian Habitat* programs are closely aligned with the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan implementation strategies.

Funding to support the expanded Program of Work will enhance leveraging of funds and collaboration with WRIA 9. In particular, there is enhanced opportunity to leverage existing and new partnerships in the urban areas of WRIA 9 to respond to increased need for healthy forests, functioning freshwater and marine shorelines, and clean water.

We appreciate the services and programs of the KCD and look forward to increased collaboration with you on ***Making Our Watershed Fit for a King***.

Sincerely,

Dennis Robertson  
Chair, WRIA 9 Management Committee of the Watershed Ecosystem Forum  
Councilmember, City of Tukwila

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