

King Conservation District

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King Conservation District appoints David Irons to board of supervisors

RENTON—Civic leader and retired telecommunications executive David Irons has been appointed to the King Conservation District (King CD) board of supervisors. He was selected by current members of the board to fill the unexpired term of an elected supervisor. The term ends May 20, 2010.

“David brings a wide range of experience and perspectives that will be valuable in our policy-making process,” said King CD board of supervisors’ Chairman Bill Knutsen.

“I’m passionate about the role of the King Conservation District and conservation districts across the nation,” said Irons. “Generations of my family have been engaged in farming of some kind, and participating in supporting the district’s mission is an extension of that.”

King CD Executive Director Jeffrey Possinger said Irons’ past involvement with the district and lengthy record of civic involvement were key factors in his selection from a field of applicants for the position.

Irons, a resident of Sammamish, is a former member of the King County Council, a current board member of the Issaquah Chamber of Commerce, and has served on the boards of Habitat for Humanity of East King County and the Washington State School Directors Association, among others. He also formerly served as a King CD associate supervisor. In 2008 he sold his interest in Convention Communications Provisioners, Inc., a telecommunications company he co-founded.

The previous elected supervisor, Matt Livengood, departed the board December 31, 2008 due to changing personal commitments.

The all-volunteer, five member board includes three elected members and two who are appointed by the Washington State Conservation Commission. All supervisors serve three-year terms. The board of supervisors conducts regular public meetings to oversee the district’s budget and provide guidance and oversight to district staff.

The King CD provides information and technical assistance programs that are available to all landowners within the district's boundaries (most of King County) on a voluntary, non-regulatory basis. The district provides grants for conservation-focused projects and programs and initiates community outreach activities that include workshops, education programs, site visits, farm plans, and consultation on land, water, and wildlife management.

As one of 47 conservation districts in the state, King CD is a natural resources assistance agency authorized by the State of Washington and guided by the Washington State Conservation Commission.

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