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King Conservation District sets dates and locations for district-wide public comment sessions

District seeks input in advance of 2010 special assessment

RENTON— The King Conservation District (King CD) will hold a series of six public comment sessions in May and June to provide input on conservation priorities and programs that would be funded by the reauthorization of the district special assessment.

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

The King CD is funded by a \$10 per parcel/per year assessment within the district's boundaries and expires on December 31st, 2009. The assessment provides approximately \$6 million annually to the District. This funding has been allocated to support good stewardship practices by private landowners through King CD education workshops and site-specific consulting, and for natural resource conservation projects in partnership with King County and its cities. For the past decade, King CD has supported salmon recovery work within the District.

"We are inviting landowners, residents, member jurisdictions, and organizations that operate within the boundary of the district to share their ideas about their natural resource conservation needs and work accomplishments of the District" said King CD Executive Director Jeffrey Possinger.

Individuals interested in providing comments can attend any number of the public comment sessions or may submit comments in writing by June 5, 2009 by email to comments@kingcd.org or standard mail at:

King CD Board of Supervisors
Attn.: Public Comment
1107 SW Grady Way, Suite 130
Renton, WA 98057

For more information on the King CD and the public comment process visit www.kingcd.org

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

King Conservation District Public Comment Locations and Dates:

- **SHORELINE:** Thursday, May 14, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Shoreline/ King County Library, 345 NE 175th, Shoreline WA 98155
- **MERCER ISLAND:** Tuesday, May 19, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Mercer Island/King County Library, 4400 88th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island, WA 98040
- **KENT:** Thursday, May 21, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
Kent/King County Library, 212 2nd Avenue N., Kent, WA 98032
- **SEATTLE:** Wednesday, May 27, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Seattle Public Library (High Point branch), 3411 SW Raymond St., Seattle WA 98126
- **CARNATION:** Thursday, May 28, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Carnation/King County Library, 4804 Tolt Avenue, Carnation WA 98014
- **ISSAQUAH:** Tuesday, June 2, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Issaquah/King County Library, 10 W. Sunset Way, Issaquah WA 98027

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