

King Conservation District

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On-line voting continues through March 15 for the milestone King Conservation District election

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RENTON— One of the nation's first internet-based elections in the U.S.--the King Conservation District (King CD) election for a board of supervisor position--continues through March 15 and provides a combination of proven security with the convenience of voting from home, business or other computer locations.

Candidates for position #2 include Douglas "Bruce" Elliott, Kent; Teri Herrera, Redmond; Eric K. Nelson, Duvall; and Preston Prudente of Sammamish.

The milestone election's secure, two-step voting process includes confirmation of voter eligibility followed by voting. The 30-day voting period began February 15 and ends at 9 pm on March 15. The district will also provide a one-day, "in-person" voting option at its Renton office on March 15 between 9 am to 9 pm. The King CD is located at 1107 SW Grady Way, Suite 130.

The district, which encompasses most of King County, delivers natural resources information and technical and funding assistance for stewardship efforts by landowners within its boundaries. It is one of 46 conservation districts in Washington State.

For more information on the election and voting procedures, visit www.kingcd.org

Past King CD elections included voting at a small number of "in-person" voting centers spread across one of the largest conservation districts in the U.S. Using the internet is a way to involve more of the 1.1 million registered voters within the district, according to King CD Chairman Bill Knutsen.

"The technology behind this election is proven and secure, and we believe it offers the best option for expanding voter participation in our elections," said Knutsen.

King CD has retained election supervisor Election Trust (Bellevue) and Scytl USA (Washington, DC) to manage and conduct the election process.

Individuals registered to vote in King County (excluding residents of cities that are not members of the King Conservation District: Enumclaw, Federal Way, Milton, Pacific and Skykomish) are eligible to vote.

The King CD has initiated the online voting alternative following the November, 2010 revisions in rules governing conservation district elections in Washington State. Elections for the King Conservation District and the other conservation districts in Washington State are conducted pursuant to guidelines established by RCW 89.08 with oversight from the Washington State Conservation Commission, an agency created to assist and guide conservation district activities in Washington State.

King CD board members serve voluntary, three-year terms

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. As public officials, their responsibility is to ensure that the King CD meets its legal and public trust obligations. The board of supervisors conducts regular public meetings to oversee the district's budget and provide policy guidance and oversight to district staff.

About the King CD

The King CD provides information and technical assistance programs that are available to all landowners within the district's boundaries on a voluntary, non-regulatory basis. King CD programs are hands-on, site specific, action and results oriented; and it initiates community outreach activities that include workshops, education programs, site visits, farm plans, and consultation on land, water, and wildlife management.

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