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King Conservation District invites candidates for the 2011 public election for board of supervisors position; application deadline next Tuesday (February 1)

Introduction of secure, on-line 30-day voting period Feb.15-March 15

RENTON—The King Conservation District (King CD) is inviting prospective candidates to submit applications for the board of supervisor position #2 in advance of a month-long, district-wide public election period beginning February 15, 2011. The King CD works with residents within its boundaries (most of King County) to promote the sustainable use of resources through responsible stewardship.

Completed application materials from prospective candidates must be delivered to the King CD office in Renton no later than 5 p.m. on Feb.1. Candidates must be 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).

For the first time, the King CD will provide secure, on-line voting as an alternative to in-person balloting. Voting begins February 15 and ends at 9 pm March 15.

Individuals interested in running for the open position (serving a three-year term on voluntary basis) are encouraged to contact the King CD for more information on the board's duties and responsibilities. Copies of the application form are available online at www.kingcd.org or at the King CD office at 1107 SW Grady Way, Suite 130, in Renton. Contact Susan Wermus in the King CD office at 425-282-1900 or susan.wermus@kingcd.org for more information.

Election features new, convenient and secure on-line voting option beginning February 15

The King CD is introducing secure, on-line voting as a convenient alternative to in-person voting. Voters may vote from their home, business or other computer locations. Voting begins February 15 and ends at 9 pm March 15. All votes will be tallied at the conclusion of voting. The district will also provide a one-day, in-person voting option at the King CD's Renton office on March 15 between 9 am to 9 pm.

King CD has retained election supervisor Election Trust LLC (Bellevue) and ScytI Secure Electronic Voting 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. On-line voters will be required to complete a two-step process: submitting a signed affidavit to confirm voting eligibility; then vote using a Personal Identification Number (PIN) issued by Election Trust. 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 46 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.

Supervisors are expected to help identify critical resource conservation needs in their district, communicate with the public and seek feedback about conservation programs from district residents.

For more information on the 2011 election and the King Conservation District, visit www.kingcd.org

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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