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## Voting in King Conservation District's 30-day election begins Tuesday (Feb. 15); internet-based voting uses proven and secure technology

### ***Voter eligibility applications available online beginning today (Feb. 14)***

RENTON—In one of the first elections of its kind in the U.S., King Conservation District (King CD) will launch an internet-based election allowing voters to cast their ballots online from home, business or other computer locations. Online voting will take place over a 30-day period starting Tuesday, Feb. 15 through 9 pm March 15. The King CD focuses on delivering natural resources information and technical assistance to landowners within its boundaries (most of King County).

Four candidates are in the field for the district's board of supervisor (position #2). They include Douglas "Bruce" Elliott, Kent; Teri Herrera, Redmond; Eric K. Nelson, Duvall and Preston Prudente of Sammamish.

The secure two-step voting process includes confirmation of voter eligibility followed by voting. Voter eligibility applications are available for downloading starting today (Feb. 14) for voting as early as Tuesday, Feb. 15. Visit [www.kingcd.org](http://www.kingcd.org) for links to application forms and information on the election. 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.

King CD has retained election supervisor Election Trust LLC (Bellevue) and Scyt! Secure Electronic Voting USA (Washington, DC) to manage and conduct the election process. 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. The office is located at 1107 SW Grady Way, Suite 130 in Renton. King CD is one of 47 conservation districts in Washington State, with oversight from the [Washington State Conservation Commission](http://www.wa.gov/conservation), an agency created to assist and guide conservation district activities in Washington State. King CD has initiated the online voting alternative following the November, 2010 revisions in rules governing conservation district elections 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.

For more information on the 2011 election and the King Conservation District, visit [www.kingcd.org](http://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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