

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council – Routine Consent Decision Items

November 17, 2016

1) Cooperative Watershed Management Grant Program (King County Flood Control District) Funding Guidance – *Staff recommends status quo funding guidance*

The King County Flood Control District provides salmon recovery funding to the King County portions of WRIAs 7, 8, 9, and 10 through the Cooperative Watershed Management (CWM) grant program. Eligible activities include habitat protection and restoration projects, monitoring, and outreach and education. The WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) is asked to provide funding targets for the three categories, which is guidance for the WRIA 8 Project Subcommittee as they develop funding recommendations.

When presented with the CWM funding allocation decision in past years, the SRC has recommended maintaining a target of \$300,000 for monitoring and \$96,000 for outreach and education, with the remainder directed to projects. Additionally, the SRC has granted flexibility to the Project Subcommittee to deviate from the targets if justified by the technical evaluation of grants and watershed priorities.

In 2017, available funding for WRIA 8's CWM grant round will be boosted by carryover funds from 2016 and returned funds from 2015. The table below provides the 2017 CWM funding targets assuming status quo guidance for 2017. Note that the update to the *WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan* will not be complete in advance of the 2017 grant round, but the results of that process will help inform whether potential course corrections in implementation should be considered moving forward.

Table 1: 2017 Proposed CWM Funding Allocation

Activity	Amount
Site-specific projects and acquisitions (including up to 15% of this amount for riparian-only habitat projects)	\$1,981,159
Monitoring	\$300,000
Education and outreach	\$96,000
Total	\$2,377,159

2) WRIA 8 Four-Year Work Plan Update – *Technical Committee recommends two project additions*

The WRIA 8 Four-Year Work Plan is comprised of a subset of the projects and programs in the *WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan*, and it represents the near-term activities needed to advance salmon recovery in the watershed. The Four-Year Work Plan demonstrates the link between projects put forward for grant funding and local recovery strategies, and projects submitted for WRIA 8 grant funds must be represented on the WRIA 8 Four-Year Work Plan.

The work plan can be updated at any point during the year, and we reach out to our partners for proposed changes in the fall of each year to allow those interested in WRIA 8 grants the opportunity to be included on the work plan. The WRIA 8 Technical Committee evaluates proposed changes to the work plan and offers two recommended additions to the Salmon Recovery Council:

- 1) **Clarke Beach Park Shoreline Restoration:** Lake Washington, Tier 1, Project Sponsor – City of Mercer Island
- 2) **Saint Edward State Park Shoreline Restoration:** Lake Washington, Tier 1, Project Sponsor – City of Kenmore/Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission