

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council – Routine Consent Decision Items

November 16, 2017

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 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 serve as guidance for the WRIA 8 Project Subcommittee as they develop funding recommendations.

For several years, the SRC has recommended 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 technical merits and watershed priorities.

The table below provides funding targets using status quo funding guidance for 2018 CWM grants. Any additional funds identified prior to the Project Subcommittee’s funding meeting (e.g., returned funds) will be added to the site-specific project and acquisition category per past practice.

Table 1: 2018 Proposed CWM Funding Allocation

Activity	Amount
Site-specific projects and acquisitions (including up to 15% of this amount for riparian-only habitat projects)	\$1,250,361
Monitoring	\$300,000
Education and outreach	\$96,000
Total	\$1,646,361

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

The WRIA 8 Four-Year Work Plan represents the near-term activities needed to advance salmon recovery in the watershed and demonstrates the link between projects and programs and WRIA 8 recovery strategies. Any activity submitting for WRIA 8 grant funds must be reflected on the work plan.

We ask project sponsors for updates to the work plan on an annual basis, allowing sponsors an opportunity to be included on the work plan prior to the following year's grant cycle. The WRIA 8 Technical Committee evaluates projects proposed for addition to the work plan for consistency with the watershed's technical basis and recovery strategies, and the committee's recommendations are presented to the Salmon Recovery Council for decision. At this time there are three additions being recommended to the Salmon Recovery Council:

- **Royal Arch Reach Restoration:** Design and construct salmon habitat features on floodplain property owned by Seattle Public Utilities (Cedar River, Tier 1, Project Sponsor – Seattle Public Utilities).
- **Boeing Creek Mouth and Delta Restoration:** Restore Boeing Creek's mouth and delta by removing Hidden Lake Dam, which will facilitate increased downstream sediment transport and nourish the nearshore (Puget Sound Nearshore, Tier 1, Project Sponsor – City Shoreline).
- **George Davis Creek Fish Passage Project:** Remove fish passage barriers near the mouth of George Davis Creek and construct instream improvements to benefit juvenile Chinook salmon and provide access to spawning habitat for kokanee salmon (Lake Sammamish, Tier 1, Project Sponsor – City of Sammamish).

In addition to the recommendations above, administrative updates are needed to make the Four-Year Work Plan consistent with changes that resulted from the 2017 Plan Update. This includes updating project numbers, names, and descriptions to match the updated capital project, land use, and outreach and education actions lists. Staff will use the 2017 Plan Update to make these changes, ensuring the most up-to-date information is captured in the work plan.