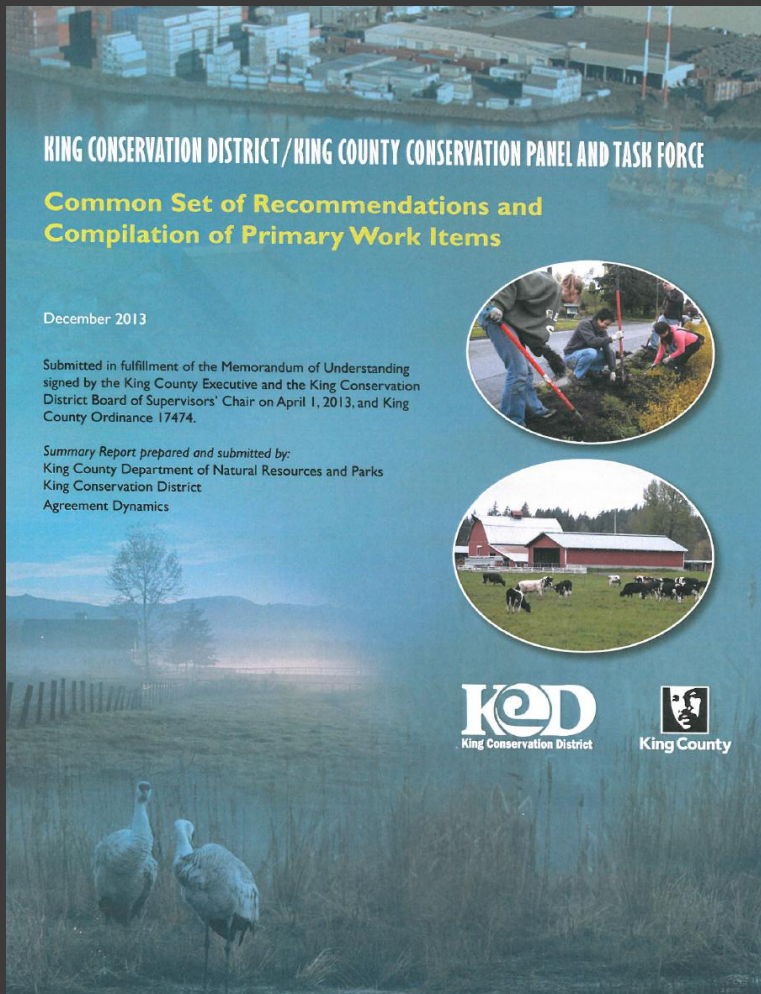




KCD

King Conservation District



April – December 2013

Recommendations

1. Rural & Urban Forestry
2. Regional Food System & Sustainable Agriculture
3. Rural Agriculture
4. Urban Agriculture
5. Shoreline & Riparian Habitat
6. Expanded Landowner Incentive Program

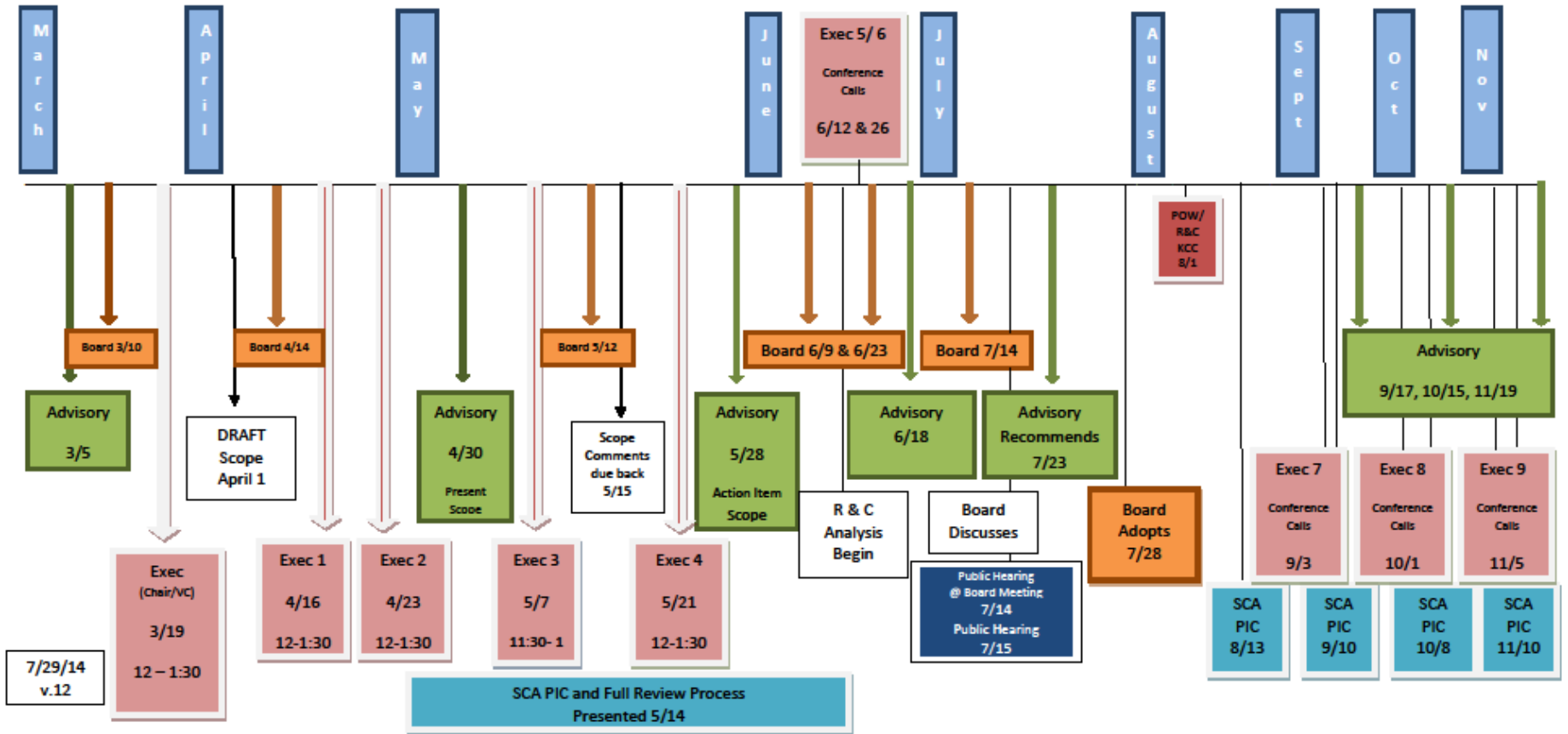


Advisory Committee, King Conservation District *Partnering to solve shared regional problems*

“This working advisory committee is made up of both elected officials and senior staff – we are building on the past to create a sustainable future. It’s a new day in conservation.”

Councilmember John Stokes, Chair, AC/KCD

2014 Advisory Committee Timeline



The KCD Advisory Committee is working with cities, the County, non-profit organizations, and private citizens to address these top identified regional needs:



Expand the region's green infrastructure on private lands to mitigate the impacts of climate change, address water pollution and flooding, and increase quality of life for dense, urban neighborhoods.

Restore private shorelines & habitat along freshwater creeks, streams, rivers, and wetlands and on marine shores to provide critical habitat for salmon and other wildlife and to mitigate flooding.



Build a Sustainable, Equitable, and Resilient Regional Food System

Rural Small Lot Forestry & Urban Tree Canopy Development

Rural

KCD offers technical assistance on to non-industrial private forest landowners with less than or equal to 5 forested acres.



Urban

According to King Stat, King County is losing its urban canopy in low income areas. KCD will work with residents and neighborhoods to preserve our green infrastructure.



Shoreline and Riparian Habitat

Over 2/3 of King County marine and fresh water shoreline is owned by private landowners.

Education through:

- One on One Technical Assistance
- Project Implementation Support
- Workshops
- Classes



Regional Food System and Sustainable Agriculture

King County farmers produce only \$120 million of the \$600 million dollars of raw foods consumed in King County.



KCD will work to address the obstacles to local food access by improving storage facilities, production/packing centers and creating distribution and marketing opportunities.

Urban Sustainable Agriculture

Supporting urban agriculture is an equity and social justice issue.



Low income and immigrant populations benefit the most from expanded urban agriculture

opportunities by providing low cost and culturally relevant foods.

KCD will build on partner successes and help innovate new programs.



Rural Sustainable Agriculture

As a non-regulatory agency, KCD is uniquely positioned to help farmers address the growing concerns of water quality, salmon recovery and climate change.



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The KCD Advisory Committee recommends restoration of regional funding that goes straight to the people you care most about and to do the things they care most about without jurisdictions needing to **raise any money**.

- Jurisdictions are tasked with addressing substantial regional needs
- Jurisdiction funds are tight and allocated
- Residents want and need access to:
 - ~ Healthy rural and urban forests
 - ~ Clean water and improved shorelines
 - ~ Local healthy food

King County Council Approves KCD 2015 Program of Work



What's Next?

Continued Outreach to Partners –

How can **King Conservation District** help the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council meet salmon recovery plan goals through healthy rural and urban forests, clean water and improved fish and wildlife habitat, and local food initiative?