

Flood Control Zone District Presentation Outline

Purpose

To introduce the options available to the BCC for generating dedicated funding for flood control and to share a staff recommendation for the use of a Flood Control Zone District.

Draft Outline

1. Introduction & Purpose
2. Skagit Valley Flood Control – Overview
Brief discussion on the history of flood control in the valley, previous attempts by the Corps to pass large flood control projects, failed bond issues, and the flood control grant program. Discuss the current level of protection, extreme flood risk and growing discontent amongst the lower valley Cities and Diking Districts at the lack of progress. End with a synopsis of the Corps timeline.
3. The need for local Flood Control funding - Overview
Brief discussion on the listing of current flood control projects that have been identified to reduce damages. The obvious list would include the levee setbacks, LaConner Ring Dike, MV Floodwall, SW Treatment plant. Explain, that while these may fit within the Corps program, there is good reason to move ahead on many of these projects now in partnership with our diking district and city partners.
4. Flood Control Funding Options
Discuss options and the pro's and con's. (Pull info from King County evaluation)
Need to fully address the sales tax option as suggested by LK
5. Skagit County Flood Control District Option
 - Existing Resolution
 - Boundaries (Includes Cities and Diking Districts)
 - Levy Capacity and Priority
 - Revenue Capacity
 - Levy Limitations
 - Tax vs. Assessment
 - Discuss King and Whatcom County Programs
 - Decision Making and Management Framework – See Diagram
6. Policy Considerations
 - Vote?
 - How much to collect?
 - Explore City and Diking District support?
 - When to implement? 2008 funding would require BCC action in Sept. 2007
7. Q&A/ Next Steps