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Water and Land Resources Division

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Notice of Action

Lower Tolt River Floodplain Reconnection Project

Notice is hereby given under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) (RCW 43.21C.080 and WAC 197-11-990) that the Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD), King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Capital Projects Section, took the action described in (2) below on September 19, 2007. This action is not subject to administrative review.

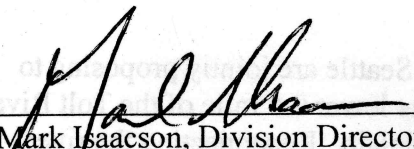
- 1. Notice of Action:** Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of non-compliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21C RCW (SEPA) shall be commenced on or before October 24, 2007, which is 21 days after the last publication of this Notice of Action (NOA). Said NOA will be published on the same day of each week for two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the area where the property that is the subject of this action is located (RCW 43.21C.080(1)(a)). This NOA will also be filed with the Washington State Department of Ecology at its main office in Olympia prior to the date of last newspaper publication (RCW 43.21C.080(1)(b)). Finally, a notice of the NOA will be provided by mailing, as provided by RCW 43.21C.080(1)(c)).
- 2. Description of Agency Action:** On June 26, 2006, King County WLRD issued a Determination of Non-Significance for the Lower Tolt River Floodplain Reconnection Project. On September 19, 2007, King County made a decision to proceed with implementation of the Lower Tolt River Floodplain Reconnection Project, including final design and construction.
- 3. Description of Proposal:** King County and the City of Seattle are jointly proposing to restore and enhance salmon and wildlife habitat along the lower 0.5 mile of the Tolt River by reconnecting the river to a portion of its historic floodplain. Reconnecting the river with its floodplain will dramatically improve habitat conditions within the river and floodplain area as new, more complex habitats form and as existing habitats within the floodplain area have a more direct connection to the river.

The general project components include removal of approximately 2,460 feet of levee along the north bank of the Tolt River, construction of a setback levee roughly 800 feet north of the existing levee, placement of large woody debris in the floodplain to diffuse energy and encourage the formation of desired habitat features, excavation of a new outlet



channel in the floodplain, and revegetation with native riparian plant species in the project area. The project will also include construction of parking areas and interpretive and recreational elements to offset the loss of the existing levee road and alterations to existing recreational uses in the park.

4. **Location of Proposal:** The proposed project is located along the north bank of the lower 0.5 mile of the Tolt River, in Tolt River-John MacDonald Park, just south of the City of Carnation, Washington. This location is otherwise described as the Northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 25 North, Range 7 East, Willamette Meridian.
5. **Type of Environmental Review under SEPA:** A Determination of Non-Significance and Environmental Checklist were published and opened for review and public comment from June 26, 2006 through August 11, 2006.
6. **Availability of Documents:** Project support documentation and project site maps are available for review at the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Resources Division Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The office is located at King Street Center, 201 South Jackson Street, Suite 600, Seattle, Washington 98104. These materials may also be reviewed at the Carnation Library, located at 4804 Tolt Avenue in Carnation or online at <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/cposa/tolt-restoration>. Jon Hansen is the Project Ecologist and may be contacted at 206-296-1966.
7. **Name of Agency, Proponent, or Applicant Giving Notice:**
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8. **This Notice is Filed by:** Mark Isaacson, Division Director and SEPA Responsible Official, King County Water and Land Resources Division.



Mark Isaacson, Division Director
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Date