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Harold Smelt
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Surface Water Management
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RE: Pierce County Flood Control Zone District

Dear Mr. Smelt:

We understand several cities within Pierce County (Gig Harbor, Lakewood, University Place, Milton, Edgewood, Bonney Lake, and Fircrest) have petitioned the Boundary Review Board to be removed from the Flood Control Zone District recently formed by the Pierce County Council.

The City of Sumner opposes any city within Pierce County withdrawing from the Flood Control District since flooding impacts everyone within the County and all jurisdictions benefit from flood control improvements. When critical facilities such as roadways, sewage treatment facilities, fire and police stations, and water supply, etc. are damaged and/or closed, we all suffer economic, life/safety and environmental consequences regardless of where we reside. The closure of I-5, SR 167, SR 410 and rail lines would cause significant economic impacts both to commuters and suppliers of goods and services despite the location of where you reside. The flooding of wastewater treatment facilities would not only cause environmental damage and pose a risk to public health but also impact ratepayers within the entire service area.

Thus, the contribution should be shared by all Pierce County jurisdictions and not be disproportionately allocated only to those jurisdictions which are located along the river systems.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dave Enslow

*pc: Pierce County Executive
Sumner City Council
Sumner City Administrator Diane Supler
Sumner PW Director Bill Pugh
Sumner CD Director Paul Rogerson*