

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL**

NO. 2008 - 379

<b>CLEARANCES</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date Received in Council Office</b>	<b>Agenda Date</b>	<b>Assigned to:</b>
Originator:		10/21/2008		10/21/2008	Introduction
Division Head:				11/25/2008	NR/Hearing
Dept. Head:	<i>DB</i>	<i>Brownhaus 10-21-08</i>			
Prosecutor:	<i>NAF</i>	<i>10/29/08</i>			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**

Resolution adopting the 2009 Budget for the WC Flood Control Zone Dist

**ATTACHMENTS:**

SEPA review required? ( ) Yes ( ) NO      Should Clerk schedule a hearing? ( ) Yes ( ) NO  
 SEPA review completed? ( ) Yes ( ) NO      Requested Date:

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:** (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

Resolution adopting the 2009 Budget for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Subzones

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

11/25/2008: Discussed

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

10/21/2008: Introduced  
 11/25/2008: Council Approved 6-1 Brenner opposed Res. 2008-082

**Related County Contract #:**

**Related File Numbers:**

**Ordinance or Resolution Number:** Res. 2008-082

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**PROPOSED BY:** Consent  
**SPONSORED BY:** Consent  
**INTRODUCED:** October 21, 2008

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-082**

**(A resolution of the Whatcom County Flood Control  
Zone District Board of Supervisors)**

**ADOPTING THE 2009 BUDGET FOR THE  
WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT AND SUBZONES**

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16 **WHEREAS**, RCW 86.15.140 requires that the Board of Supervisors of each  
17 flood control zone district and subzone adopt a budget for the zone at the same time  
18 that county budgets are considered; and  
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20 **WHEREAS**, the statute further requires that the zone or subzone budget be  
21 divided into four appropriation items: overhead and administration, maintenance  
22 and operation; construction and improvements, and bond retirement and interest;  
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25 **WHEREAS**, under the appropriation item for construction and improvements,  
26 the Board is required to list each flood control improvement or storm water control  
27 improvement and the estimated expenditure for each during the next year; and  
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29 **WHEREAS**, the budget may only be adopted after a public hearing for which  
30 proper notice has been given; and  
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32 **WHEREAS**, Fund No. 169, the Flood Control Zone District fund has been  
33 managed by the County for purposes of funding flood control and water resource  
34 projects implemented by the county that are consistent with the powers of the  
35 district under RCW 86.15; and  
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37 **WHEREAS**, funds obtained by the County through grants or cooperative  
38 agreements for flood control have also been managed through Fund No. 169; and  
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40 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors intends to establish a delineation of the  
41 roles of the district and the county and to effect a clear separation of the finances of  
42 the district and the county by entering into an interlocal agreement governing the  
43 transfer of funds from the district to the county for implementation of an approved  
44 annual work plan, and financial reporting requirements to insure transparent  
45 accounting of all public funds; and  
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47 **WHEREAS**, the 2009 budget proposed by the County Executive for Whatcom  
48 County includes proposed expenditures out of Fund 169 to pay for flood control and  
49 water resources projects consistent with the powers of the District under 86.15; and  
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51 **WHEREAS**, there is a substantial amount of accounting work that is  
52 necessary to accurately separate out county flood control funds from funds belonging  
53 to the Flood Control Zone District, all of which are currently kept in Fund No. 169,  
54 and that accounting work can not be accomplished before the 2009 county and  
55 district budgets must be approved; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors intends to effect a separation of  
2 finances between the county and the district as soon as possible; and  
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4           **WHEREAS**, the budgets for expenditures from the four subzone funds are  
5 also included in the County Executive's proposed budget ordinance;  
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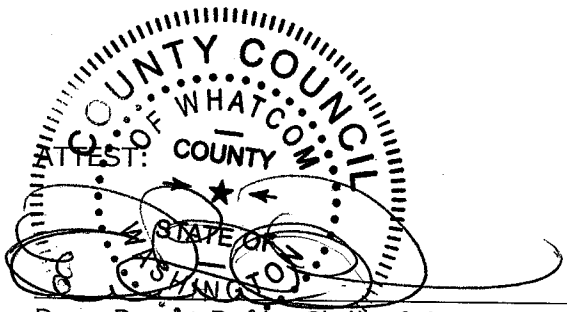
7           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors  
8 approves the 2009 budgets for the four flood control subzones (Acme/Van Zandt,  
9 Sumas/Nooksack/Everson; Lynden/Everson and Lake Samish) as presented in the  
10 County Executive's proposed county budget; and  
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12           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors approves the  
13 appropriation and expenditure of Flood Control Zone District funds from Fund No.  
14 169 for 2009 only in the adopted 2009-10 Whatcom County budget; and  
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16           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors requests the  
17 County to bring forward no later than December 9, 2008, a series of interlocal  
18 agreements between the district and subzones and the County to establish financial  
19 management and administrative separation between the district/subzones and the  
20 County; and  
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22           **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors further requests  
23 that the County complete the accounting work necessary to effect a separation of  
24 County and District funds, and complete any necessary budget amendments to  
25 reflect the separation of the funds and their management for consideration of the  
26 Board of Supervisors no later than April 14, 2009.  
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28           **APPROVED** this 25th day of November, 2008.  
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39 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council  
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41 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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Kevin D. Fales  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY  
FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Carl Weimer, Chair