

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL**

NO. 2010-392

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator: Jon Hutchings	<i>JH</i>	11/9/10	<b>RECEIVED</b>  <b>NOV 16 2010</b>  <b>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	11/23/10	Introduction
Division Head: Jon Hutchings	"			12/7/10	Fin/Council
Dept. Head: Frank M. Abart	<i>FA</i>	11/9/2010			
Prosecutor: Dan Gibson	<i>DG</i>	11/09/10			
Purchasing/Budget:	<i>Permy</i>	11/16/10			
Executive:	<i>JL</i>				

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:** *A Resolution Establishing a Minimum Balance for the Flood Control Zone District Fund to Maintain as an Emergency and Operating Reserve*

**ATTACHMENTS:** *Proposed Resolution*

SEPA review required? ( ) Yes ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? ( ) Yes ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) 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.)*

<p><b>COMMITTEE ACTION:</b> 12/7/2010: Forwarded to Council for approval (County acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)</p>	<p><b>COUNCIL ACTION:</b> 11/23/2010: Introduced 12/07/2010: Council Approved 7-0 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors) Res. 2010-055</p>
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Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res. 2010-055
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SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Public Works

INTRODUCTION DATE: 11/23/2010

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-055**  
**(A resolution of the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone  
District Board of Supervisors)**

**ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM BALANCE FOR THE FLOOD CONTROL  
ZONE DISTRICT FUND TO MAINTAIN AS AN EMERGENCY AND OPERATING  
RESERVE**

**WHEREAS**, on October 22, 1991 the Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance 91-076 creating a county-wide Flood Control Zone District (District), and

**WHEREAS**, the District was created to provide comprehensive flooding response including maintenance of levees, dikes and other flood control infrastructure, disaster response, repair of flood damages, and construction of flood control system improvements that reduce future flood damages in the Nooksack River watershed and other watersheds in Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, demand for District resources has increased to address other water resource issues, including stormwater management, salmon recovery, marine resource protection, water resource planning, and long-term watershed management; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with RCW 86.15, much of the additional work has been funded using District tax revenues and the District fund balance has declined; and

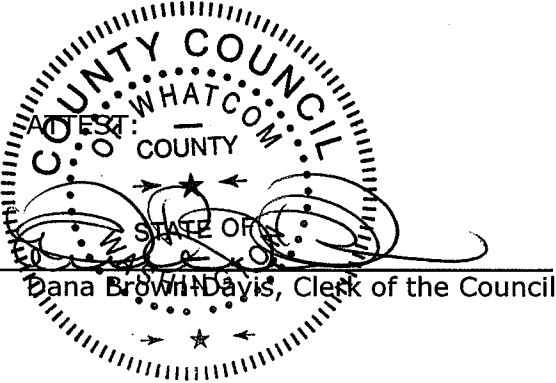
**WHEREAS**, substantial financial resources are necessary to enable timely response and recovery measures during a flooding disaster and to maintain adequate operating reserves to keep the District solvent; and

**WHEREAS**, past flood response and recovery costs for Whatcom County and other Counties in the Puget Sound region demonstrate that an emergency reserve of five (5) million dollars is appropriate; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors that a minimum balance of five (5) million dollars will be reserved in the District fund. Unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Supervisors, expenditures that draw the fund below the reserved amount are allowed only for (1) responding to and recovering from flooding disasters declared by the Whatcom County Executive or his/her designee and (2) financing day-to-day

1 operations of the District whereby the current Fiscal Year ending fund balance shall  
2 not be less than the reserve amount.  
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5 **APPROVED** this 7th day of December, 2010.  
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FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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Sam Crawford, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Civil Deputy Prosecutor