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AGENCY FUNDS

Agency Funds are clearing accounts employed to account for assets held by King County in its capacity as custodian or agent and are offset by equal and related liabilities. Accounting for Agency Funds is on the accrual basis. There is no measurement of operational results.

There are two major classifications of Agency Funds: (1) those that are used with the operations of King County government; and (2) those that are used to account for cash received and disbursed in King County's capacity as *ex officio* treasurer or collection agent for special districts and other governments.

AGENCY FUNDS – COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Enhanced-911 PSAP Escrow Fund – Utilized to account for receipt of Enhanced-911 excise tax revenue and subsequent distribution to the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) in King County.

Judicial Administration Agency Fund – Utilized to account for money deposited with King County Superior Court pending outcome of litigation.

King County Fiscal Agent / Debt Service Funds – Funds established to account for money held by King County as fiscal agent for the payment of debt service on bonds.

Miscellaneous Agency Funds – Funds established to account for amounts associated with short-term or relatively minor custodial activities. Activities in these funds account for the receipts and disbursements associated with the Plan to Achieve Self-Sufficiency (PASS), unclaimed effects and assets of deceased individuals, employee charitable payroll deductions, certificates of redemption and purchase associated with delinquent assessments in local improvement districts, and Community Development Block Grants held on the behalf of homeowners who qualify for one of several programs of housing and improvements for health, safety, and blight elimination.

Miscellaneous Property Tax Funds – Various property tax funds used to process and distribute real and personal property tax refunds authorized by the County Treasurer; to account for proceeds of foreclosure sales in excess of delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and costs; and to account for required prepayment of real property taxes when a property owner plats a parcel of property. These funds are also used to record property tax payments in excess of liability and to process related refunds to taxpayers; to suspend tax receipts requiring further identification or additional payment before they can be distributed; and to distribute assessment and interest payments of local improvement districts and to process assessment refunds.

Miscellaneous Tax Distribution Fund – Established for distribution of certain revenues other than property taxes, such as state private harvest timber tax, leasehold excise tax, real estate excise tax, state forest board earnings, and proceeds from sales of tax title property.

Payroll and Accounts Payable Clearing Funds – Established to centralize issuance of payroll and accounts payable warrants that are reimbursed by each benefiting fund.

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School District Impact Fee Fund – Utilized to account for receipt and disbursement of fees authorized by the State of Washington Growth Management Act of 1990. In 1992 King County adopted Ordinance 10122 for the purpose of implementing the school impact fee program, allowing the County to enter into interlocal agreements with school districts.

Warrant Redemption Fund – Utilized to redeem warrants of King County and special districts and to make distribution to applicable issuing funds.

AGENCY FUNDS – SPECIAL DISTRICTS/OTHER GOVERNMENTS

King County utilized approximately 673 active funds in 2007 to account for the resources of 207 special districts/other governments and related liabilities of King County.

The King County Executive, in compliance with the laws of the State of Washington or by contract, is the *ex officio* treasurer of King County and special districts, but not for the cities, towns, or the State of Washington. Money received from or for the special districts or other governments is deposited in King County's central bank account; disbursements for both operations and investments are made upon receipt of instructions from governing bodies or administrators of the special districts/other governments. Revenues received for the accounts of the cities, towns, and State of Washington are remitted to their respective treasurers.

Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority – On May 31, 1996, Sound Transit adopted *Sound Move – The 10-year Regional Transit System Plan*, a proposal to build the first phase of a high-capacity transit system to provide the region with alternatives to meet its transportation needs. Citizens within Sound Transit's districts approved local taxes necessary to fund that plan on November 5, 1996. Sound Transit is governed by an eighteen-member board comprised of seventeen local elected officials and the State Transportation Department Secretary.

Cities and Towns – The King County Finance and Business Operations Division utilizes a group of funds for each of the 39 municipalities to account for the collection and remittance of regular, special, and bond property tax levies to their respective treasurers.

Fire Districts – In King County there are 28 fire protection districts. The primary purpose of these districts is to provide fire prevention and suppression services and to offer emergency medical services to protect life and property in areas outside cities and towns, except where the cities and towns have been annexed into a fire protection district. These districts are governed by elected Boards of Fire Commissioners.

Hospital Districts – King County has three public hospital districts. These municipal corporations are authorized to own and operate public hospitals and related facilities. Each district is governed by an elected five-member Hospital Commission.

King County Directors' Association (KCDA) – The KCDA is a nonprofit cooperative purchasing organization made up of 295 public school districts statewide and governed by a five-member Board of Directors elected from and by school boards throughout King County. The objectives of this association are to eliminate duplicate purchasing activities, establish product standards, and obtain the lowest possible costs through volume purchasing, centralized warehousing, and consolidated distribution.

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King County Library System – This district serves the public through 43 community libraries, The Traveling Library Center, a mobile tech lab, two children's bookmobiles, and three institutional libraries in King County facilities. All unincorporated areas of the County are a part of the library district as are all cities in the County except for Seattle, Renton, Enumclaw, Hunt's Point, and Yarrow Point.

Library Capital Facility Districts – This district was established for the purpose of financing the acquisition, improvement, and construction of the Issaquah and Redmond libraries.

Miscellaneous Special Districts – The following is a brief summary of the main entities:

- Puget Sound Regional Council – The regional planning and decision-making body for growth and transportation issues in the counties of King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish. Its primary goal is to plan for the growth and development of the region, including transportation planning, and to seek solutions to problems crossing political boundaries. It is governed by a general assembly and its executive board. Each member of the board is a voting member.

- Puget Sound Clean Air Agency – An air pollution control authority under the Washington Clean Air Act for the counties of King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish. The agency is governed by a nine-member board composed mainly of elected officials from the four county jurisdictions. Its major responsibility is the implementation of the Washington Clean Air Act. This responsibility has been delegated to the agency by both the State of Washington and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

- Drainage Districts – There are six districts in this category. They were established to ditch, dike, and provide pumping facilities for flood-prone or low-lying lands.

- Cemetery District No. 1 – Formed in 1978 to improve and maintain a public cemetery on Vashon Island that was originally established in 1888 by a private association.

- Vashon-Maury Island Park and Recreation District – Established to develop and operate park and recreational facilities on Vashon-Maury Island.

- Law Library – A comprehensive library of approximately 90,000 law books located on the sixth floor of the King County Courthouse. Its branch at the Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent has approximately 15,000 volumes. The library is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees and is financed by a portion of all District and Superior Court civil filing fees.

Northshore Park and Recreation Service Area – This district was established to finance the acquisition and construction of a senior center in an area overlapping portions of both King County and Snohomish County corresponding to the boundaries of the Northshore School District. The district is governed by a five member board.

Port of Seattle – The Port of Seattle is a public enterprise governed by five commissioners elected by the citizens of King County. Its mission is to provide services and facilities to accommodate the transportation of cargo and passengers by air, water, and land. Its marine facilities include one of the largest container ports in the United States. The Port also includes

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Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and marinas for a commercial fishing fleet and pleasure craft. While King County is no longer the Port's treasurer, it continues to use a special district fund to account for the collection and remittance of the Port's special tax levies.

School Districts – Public education in King County from pre-kindergarten through the 12th grade is provided by 19 school districts, each governed by an elected Board of Directors and administered by a superintendent. In 2007 enrollments showed approximately 241,000 students attending 496 elementary, middle, junior high, senior high, special, and alternative schools. Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD), whose financial reporting is included in the School District Combining Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities, serves 35 school districts and more than 200 private schools in King and Pierce Counties plus Bainbridge Island in Kitsap County. The PSESD is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors and administered by a superintendent. The PSESD assists public and private schools in its region through program and staff development; early childhood programs; administrative and instructional support; technical assistance; business, financial and state reporting services; and direct service to children and families. A complete list of services and programs can be found online at www.psesd.org.

Sewer and Water Districts – There are 16 sewer and water districts in King County. The principal purpose of these districts is to protect public health and to improve water quality by constructing, maintaining, and operating sewer systems. The districts may also provide water, storm drainage, street lighting, lake rehabilitation, and onsite systems management. Each district is governed by an elected three-member Board of Commissioners.

State of Washington – King County utilizes a group of funds to account for state-levied property tax collections, court filing fees, fines, and forfeiture payments due to violations of laws of the State of Washington and their subsequent remittance to the State Treasurer.

Washington State Public Stadium Authority – This agency was established in 1997 to oversee the construction of a new football stadium and an exhibition center. It is governed by a seven-member board appointed by the Governor.

Water Districts – In King County there are 23 water districts. The primary purpose of the districts is to provide consumers with the highest quality drinking water at the lowest possible cost. Each district is governed by a board with power to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate water supply systems.