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## Snohomish Conservation District Proposes New Rate System

Healthy landscapes and communities are high priorities for those who live, work and recreate in Snohomish County. For over 75 years, the Snohomish Conservation District has been on the forefront of productive agriculture, habitat restoration and residential stewardship – by providing free services to private landowners. With a growing population and increased pressure on our natural resources, the District has developed programs and implemented projects to meet the demands of a diverse and changing environment.

For the past eight years, the District has received funding through an assessment, which has been leveraged with grants and other funding sources. The District Board of Supervisors plans to file a new rate proposal with the Snohomish County Council to ensure that the District can continue to provide these services into the future.

This proposal will transition the District from an “assessment” to a “rate” structure; increase the maximum per parcel amount from \$5/parcel to \$10/parcel, and from \$0.05/acre to \$0.10/acre; and provide an opportunity for the District to increase services in three key areas that have been identified by the public and partners as high priority. These include youth education, with an increased focus on the value and function of agriculture and food production, agricultural engagement to help support producers to be stewards of the natural resources they manage, and landowner programs to address residential stormwater issues.

Three public meetings are scheduled on April 3rd, 4th and 11th. The meetings will run from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at locations in Everett, Arlington and Snohomish. To find locations, visit the Conservation District website at: [www.snohomishcd.org/ratesandcharges](http://www.snohomishcd.org/ratesandcharges). The District Board of Supervisors encourages residents to contact their Snohomish County Council representative to let them know your thoughts on the funding proposal. For more information, contact Monte Marti, District Manager at 425-377-7001 or [monte@snohomishcd.org](mailto:monte@snohomishcd.org).

***See page two for details of Public Meetings***

# Snohomish Conservation District

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## **Public Meeting Dates:**

### **April 3, 2017**

6:30 – 8 PM

Snohomish County PUD  
2320 California St,  
Everett, WA 98201

[Map to Location](#)

### **April 4, 2017**

6:30 – 8 PM

City of Arlington Public Works  
154 W Cox St.  
Arlington, WA 98223

[Map to Location](#)

### **April 11, 2017**

6:30 – 8 PM

Snohomish County PUD  
807 Rainier St.  
Snohomish, WA 98290

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