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## Budget shortfall to dominate legislature

The Legislature convenes in session next Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and will begin deliberations on the challenge of adopting the biennial budget. The challenges facing the Legislature is a proposed budget that totals \$22.7 billion and as the Governor proposes (see analysis in The Courthouse Journal #34, December 22, 2000) will require use of both the unrestricted and "rainy day fund." The passage of the school initiatives added over \$400 million to the budget and passage of I-722 further reduced state revenues, although not nearly as much as local government revenues. When the "bow-wave" costs of the previous biennial budget are factored in, there are little or no discretionary revenues to pay for new programs or added state revenues to offset I-722 losses to counties and cities.

While the Governor has proposed to fund the I-695 backfill adopted by the Legislature last year, he did not propose to make up the difference most counties lost. The discussion amongst most legislators is that there is little chance that those funds can be restored in this

year's budget.

The other concern counties and cities need to be aware of the possibility of the Legislature adopting some portion of I-722, such as rolling the property tax growth back to 102% from the current 106% authorization. The previous legislature was quick to adopt the \$30 license tab fee after I-695 was declared unconstitutional. The Governor's budget does not propose lowering the property tax, but rumors are that several legislators are prepared to introduce such legislation.

Other major issues the Legislature will face are a transportation budget that the governor proposes at \$9.6 billion in new funds for the next six years. It will incorporate some, but not all of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation recommendations. Included in the proposal is \$3.7 billion in local option funding, but it does not identify the types or sources of these new revenues.

The Legislature will also need to pass a primary election law that substantially changes

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## Counties and Cities Joint Legislative Rally: mark your calendar!

Counties and cities are holding a joint Legislative Reception on the evening of February 14 at St. Martin's College in Lacey. This is the first time that WSAC, WACO and the Association of Washington Cities have coordinated their legislative reception. Over 600 people are expected to participate.

WSAC will offer legislative updates and a member lunch on the following day, February 15. Meetings of the WSAC Legislative Steering Committee and the Board of Directors will take place on February 16. County commissioners,

councilmembers and executives are urged to schedule meetings with their legislators while in town.

The reception will be held at the St. Martin's Pavilion from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All county and city elected officials from across the state are encouraged to attend and also invite their legislators to join us.

Registration for the Reception and the WSAC Legislative Rally the following day will be mailed to each county elected official next week.

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Washington's open primary. That will surely cause a major outcry from citi-

zens who support the right to choose any candidate without declaring the political party to which they belong. The Washington State Grange is preparing an initiative which they believe will keep intact most of the current open primary

system.

When you mix into this cauldron of issues the fact that the House continues to be split 49-49 and the Democrats control the Senate by only one vote, it ought to be an interesting session.

## Nightmare of 2000 II - County Cost Allocation Plans

Help is on the way! The majority of Washington Counties were plagued in year 2000 with the development of indirect cost rates and cost allocation plans in order to recoup indirect costs to county clerk and prosecutor offices for enforcement of Federal IV-D child support cases. Many counties still have questions.

Each county will be contacted soon

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to determine if their county has a cost allocation plan and exactly what kind of assistance is most needed at this time. Then scheduling will be completed for working groups to meet and for some on-site visits to counties as well.

Linda Langston of WAPA Support Enforcement (SEP) is finalizing arrangements with retired Federal Auditor Larry Lufkin to have follow-up consulting services available. The additional training and review will include counties who want their plans reviewed and counties who have not yet filed a plan but wish to do so. Two one-day seminars, held on both sides of the state, will be working sessions where county financial

managers will bring their plans to the table and discuss the specifics of their own jurisdictions.

Counties in Washington were required to develop an indirect cost rate and file a cost allocation plan in their county auditor's office by Dec. 31, 2000. A certification by the local officials was to be mailed to the Division of Child Support (DCS) of the Department of Social and Health Services. County clerk and prosecutor offices cannot bill DCS for indirect costs unless a plan is on file, but there is nothing to prohibit a county from filing a plan in the future or amending an existing plan.

## Shorelines rulemaking to be appealed

A coalition of individuals, counties, cities and organizations, led by the Association of Washington Business, is appealing the new shorelines rules that were adopted in November.

Grays Harbor County and Pacific County have joined the appeal as of this writing. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the WSAC Rural Issues Subcommittee, Commissioner Mary Hunt of Douglas County and Commissioner Dan Wood of Grays Harbor County have sent each commissioner and council member in the state a memo asking that their county also join in the appeal.

The draft complaint alleges the shorelines rules are beyond Ecology's scope of authority, violate the Administrative Procedures Act, and constitute an unfunded mandate on counties and cities, and violate numerous other provisions of state law and procedure. Counties wishing to join the appeal must contact Galen Schuler at the Perkins Coie law firm, 206-583-8888.

A number of cities and counties also are considering a court challenge to the rules as contrary to the state law prohibiting unfunded mandates to local government.

## Department of Ecology is accepting grant applications for Coastal Zone

Project applications are now being accepted by the Department of Ecology for the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) grant program through February 1, 2001.

All project categories listed in the CZM Grant Guidelines and located within the 15 coastal counties are eligible. However, primary considerations will be given to those cities or counties that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. New for this grant round is the state's CZM response to the

Endangered Species Act. Applicants need to determine whether or not their proposed projects will affect salmon.

To be considered for a CZM grant, applications must be postmarked or hand delivered by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 1, 2001. For further information you may contact the department representative Bev Huether at [blue461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:blue461@ecy.wa.gov) or 360-407-7254.

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# News in Brief

## State Building Code Council

The State Building Code Council adopts and amends the State Building Code. It meets about once a month. Judy Wilson, Thurston County Commissioner, represents Western Washington counties on the Board. The Governor seeks three commissioners or councilmembers from Western Washington for this appointment to replace Commissioner Wilson.

## Bar Association offers training on stormwater, wetlands, groundwater law

The Washington State Bar Association is offering a CLE titled "Who'll Stop the Rain" on February 2 at the Seattle Center. It promises to be an excellent overview of the legal issues created by rain: wetlands regulation, landslides and runoff liability, stormwater management and funding, water rights, best available science issues, and ethical issues involved with consultants and experts. Tuition is \$185. To register call 1-800-945-WSBA or contact [cle@wsba.org](mailto:cle@wsba.org).

## Salmon recovery recommendations filed by independent science panel

The Independent Science Panel established by the Legislature in 1998 to provide independent scientific review of the state's salmon recovery efforts has issued recommendations on salmon recovery monitoring. While the Executive Summary acknowledges that many recovery programs include monitoring, "the efforts are largely uncoordinated or unlinked among programs, have different objectives, use different indicators, and lack support for sharing data." It recommends that a comprehensive monitoring program be developed.

Copies of the report can be obtained at <http://www.governor.wa.gov/esa/science.htm>.

## Electronic access to Legislative Fiscal Notes

Finding information on the fiscal impact of proposed legislation affecting local government will become much easier this session. The Office of Financial Management (OFM) has added a new search capability to their web page allowing users to access all approved and

published legislative fiscal notes. Fiscal notes can be found at [www.ofm.wa.gov/fns/default.asp](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/fns/default.asp) or can be accessed through a link on the WACO website at [www.wacounties.org/waco/main.html](http://www.wacounties.org/waco/main.html).

## Select Committee on Elections

The Washington State House of Representatives has formed a new select committee that will be dealing with the re-vamping of the state's nominating primary election: the Select Committee on Elections. Representatives Dave Schmidt (R) and Val Ogden (D) will jointly chair the committee. Two work sessions have been scheduled for next week.

## Legion of Merit commendation awarded to Commissioner Dick Dixon

Military Department representatives, including Maj. Gen. Lowenberg and Glen Woodbury, traveled to Grays Harbor County on Monday, November 27, to present the Washington Army National Guard Legion of Merit Commendation to Commissioner Dick Dixon.

The commendation acknowledges Dixon's many contributions to the State Enhanced 911 Advisory Committee while representing the interests of the Washington State Association of Counties.

The State of Washington commendation medal and ribbon, accompanied by a certificate, is the second highest of a possible eleven state awards presented by the Washington Military Department. Only two state Legion of Merit commendations have been awarded this year. The trip was concluded with a tour of the Grays Harbor County 911 center.

## Allenbaugh announces Retirement

Kittitas County Auditor Beverly Allenbaugh has announced that she will retire on February 28, after 23 years in office. Allenbaugh served as WACO president during both 1998 (when then president Jan Michels resigned from office to take another position) and 1999, which was to be her original term. She has been a member of the WACO Board of Trustees since 1986 in various positions, as the Auditors' representative, a trustee at large, an officer going through the chairs to the presidency, and now in

her last term as past president. She is also a former president of the Washington State Association of County Auditors. Allenbaugh will be sorely missed, but she is going to keep her new motorhome busy as she spends more time fishing, camping, traveling and spending time with her grown children and grandchildren. She is also going to take lots of photos – she is a gifted photographer and one of her works is in the WACO office. We will miss Bev and wish her all the best!

## Okanogan County Treasurer resigns

Walt Womack, Okanogan County Treasurer for the past 20 years, will be retiring from office on February 28. Womack has been active in both WACO and the Washington State Association of County Treasurers (WSACT) over the years and served as WSACT President in 1990. Womack and his wife, Marilyn, owned and operated the Shady Pines Resort in Conconully until last year when their daughter purchased it. The Womacks have purchased a motor home and are off to see the country! Happy retirement!

## Mason County appoints new treasurer

The Mason County Commissioners have appointed Lisa Frazier, a 20-year employee in the treasurer's office, as the new treasurer, filling the unexpired term of Dorene Rae, who retired the end of December. Frazier has most recently served as cashier supervisor and head of the foreclosure department.

## Former Pacific County Clerk passes away

Irene Kellner, the Pacific County Clerk from 1951 to 1971, passed away in Long Beach last month, at the age of 100. Mrs. Kellner graduated from South Bend High School in 1918 and the University of Washington in 1923. During her career in Pacific County she served on the draft board during World War II, worked with the Civil Defense "Spotters," a group that watched for planes along the coast, and she gave first aid courses in her living room. She served as a legal secretary to several judges and served as deputy county clerk for eight years, before becoming clerk. She retired in 1971. A daughter, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive Mrs. Kellner.

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## GOOD THINGS

# Clark County introduces new program for juvenile offenders

Clark County has introduced a new \$1 million program where law-breaking youths who are identified as having mental health issues will be closely supervised after their release from detention.

"We want to follow them into the community and work with their family and therapist so we don't drop them," said Mike Piper, Director, Clark County Community Services. "We want to stop the law breaking, obviously, but we want to improve their mental health.

The new program is scheduled to begin April 2001, said Ernie Veach-White, Clark County Juvenile Court Administrator. News of the project comes on the heels of a congressional

advisory group's report that said at least half of all jailed juveniles suffer from mental illness. The program will involve four four-member teams, comprised of a probation counselor, therapist, "parent partner" and a case aide. Each team will be responsible for a number of repeat offenders who have been released from Clark County Juvenile Justice Center.

Cheri Dolezal, Assistant Director, Community Services, said the teams would identify the needs of the family and be on call 24 hours a day if the family needs help. The parent partners have yet to be hired. Ideally they would be parents who have had a child go through the juvenile justice system. They would

have the first contact with the youth's family. The teams will meet with the families either in their home or even in a restaurant rather than an office that can sometimes be threatening. Ernie Veach-White did some data collection to determine the potential size of the population to be served. Of the total population of juvenile offenders in 1999, about 20 % were repeat offenders. Of those repeat offenders, 70% had received mental health services. The project will concentrate on those repeat offenders.

The funds come both from federal and local sources. According to Piper, this is an idea that is not being tested anywhere else in the country.

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## MORE GOOD THINGS

# Spokane County gets grant for runaways

Spokane County is the recipient of a \$275,000 state grant to help address the problem of runaways being held in custody longer than 24 hours. The funds come from the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee.

Under the state "Becca" law, runaway youths unable to return home can be held in "secure crisis residential centers" for up to five days for safety and crisis services. But because these youth have not committed criminal offenses and are not provided due process, fed-

eral law allows them to be held for just 24 hours. That conflict could result in the loss of federal funds for juvenile programs to the state. Spokane's pilot project is an attempt to show the feds that they can bring the law into compliance and that the "Becca" law is a more comprehensive attempt to protect runaways.

There are 450 youths enrolled in three crisis residential centers in Spokane County. Another 300 runaways are under juvenile court supervision.

The grant money will be used to provide: 1) an attorney to represent the runaways in court actions; 2) community transition coordinators to ensure the timely return home of runaways held in custody as well as a link to their family with necessary community services; and 3) specialized services for youth and families in conflict, including counseling and mediation. The funding will be available on an annual basis beginning January 1 with a possibility of continuing for three years. Spokane and Pierce counties were the only counties in the state to receive the grant awards.

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# New DSHS Mental Health Division Director named

DSHS has announced the selection of a new Mental Health Division Director. He is Karl Brimmer, most recently the Director of the State of Alaska's Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities where he has been since 1997. He holds a Masters in Education from the University of Alaska. Nearly all of his experience is in the state of Alaska. He spent about 8 years as a provider in Alaska and nearly 20 years with the state, two-thirds of which were in the mental health and developmental disabilities division. He is a licensed marriage and family counselor.

Mr. Brimmer is particularly noted for his work in collaboration with other

social service agencies and the development of consumer satisfaction and performance measures to implement system accountability.

He is expected to begin his new position on February 7 at which time he will leap into the frying pan of a challenging legislative session and the implementation of the recently completed JLARC performance audit. We want to welcome him to his new position and wish him success.

Concurrently, Pat Terry, the Acting Division Director, will be allowed to retire once more effective January 15. Pat was graciously pulled from retirement once again to serve as the Acting Director for over the past year and as

expected has more than admirably filled that role. She has been a pleasure to work with in all facets of her career in public mental health from King County to the state hospitals to headquarters. She has faced a number of challenges during her most recent tenure ranging from threatened losses of federal funding at the hospitals to criticism of the county-managed Regional Support Network structure and a perceived lack of effective leadership from the state division. In every instance she has honestly and sincerely advocated for the rights of those with mental illness and never let us forget the bottom line.

We'll miss her.

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## Water quality funding cycle begins

Ecology is now accepting grant and loan applications for the 2002 fiscal year funding cycle for water quality improvement and protection projects. Funds are available from the Centennial Clean water Fund, the Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, and the federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Fund. Approximately \$70 million in grants and loans are expected to be awarded.

A single application cycle for the three funding programs commenced January with applications due by March 2, 2001. Application workshops will be held in Ellensburg, Spokane and Tacoma.

During the past year, Ecology has made several program changes. Some of them are:

- Projects must start within 16 months from the date of the Final Offer List.

- Projects must be completed within five years from the date of the Final Offer List.
- Wastewater facility projects are loan eligible only. A determination of financial hardship can result in grant funds being used to supplement the loan offer.
- Prerequisite documents must be approved by March 2, 2001 in order for a project to be eligible for funding consideration.

For more information on the workshops or for an application, contact Tammy Riddell at 360-407-6503.

Questions on the funding programs should be directed to:

Centennial Fund – Tim Hilliard at 360-407-6429 (thil@ecy.wa.gov)

State Revolving Fund – Brian Howard at 360-407-6510 (brho461@ecy.wa.gov)

Section 319 – Dan Filip at 360-407-6509 (dfil461@ecy.wa.gov)

The locations are:

### Ellensburg

Hebeler Hall, #121  
Central Washington University  
Corner of 10th and D Street

### Spokane

Newton Lounge  
West Central Community Center  
1603 N. Belt

### Tacoma

Rooms A, B, and C  
Pierce County Library  
Admin. Service Ctr.  
3005 112 Street East

*All workshops begin at 9:00 am.*

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## Ecology proposes new water right administration rule

Ecology is seeking informal public comment in developing a proposed rule for water rights administration. Five workshops are scheduled over the next two weeks. The proposed rule, Chapter 173-151 WAC, would cover both procedural steps and substantial issues related to water rights and would apply to:

- new water rights;
- applications to change water rights;
- comments made on water system plans reviewed by Ecology;
- other formal agency actions such as SEPA reviews and comments, or requests for water right research.

Ecology indicates that the proposal will be an initial, incremental step toward

a more comprehensive rule to address all aspects of water rights administration. The proposed scope of the rule includes perfection of water rights, permit extensions, and implementation of the Washington State Supreme Court's Theodoratus decision, 135 Wn.2d 582 (1998).

For additional information on the proposed rule, contact Steve Hirschey at 425-649-7066 or shir@ecy.wa.gov.

The workshops will take place as follows:

### Spokane

Tuesday, January 9, 1:30 pm  
Spokane Community College  
Big Foot Room  
N. 1810 Greene Street

### Tri-Cities

Wednesday, January 10, 1:30 pm  
Ecology Kennewick Office  
1315 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

### Wenatchee

Thursday, January 11, 9:30 am  
Wenatchee City Hall  
Council Chambers  
129 S. Chelan

### Everett

Wednesday, January 17, 9:30 am  
Everett Community College  
Jackson Center Conference Room  
801 Wetmore Avenue

### Lacey

Friday, January 19, 9:30 am  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Sawyer Hall

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## Flood hazard management grant applications due

Grant application packets are now available for funds from the state Flood Control Assistance Account Program (FCAAP). It is expected that about \$3.2 million will be available for grants in the 2001-03 biennium. FCAAP will fund up to 75% of the total cost of developing a Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan, between 50-75% of flood damage reduction projects, and up to 80% of the cost

of emergency projects. To be considered, applications must be submitted to county engineers by Monday, January 22, 2001; each county engineer will prioritize the applications from within that county and send them to Ecology by February 8, 2001. Ecology will then prioritize the applications statewide and develop a tentative award list by April.

The following categories have priority

for this award cycle: mapping projects, flood warning systems, biotechnical bank stabilization projects, public awareness programs, and acquisition.

For more information, contact Bev Huether at bhue461@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-7254.

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## Revised water quality standards up for review

The Department of Ecology is holding workshops this month for the public to review and comment on draft proposals including some major changes to some of the state's water quality standards in Washington's lakes, rivers and marine waters.

Ecology has spent nearly a decade working with people around the state to identify potential changes to the standards, many of which have not been changed since about 1980. The water quality standards place limits on how much pollution is allowed in a waterway, and are based on the federal Clean Water Act and EPA regulations. The goal is to do a better job of protecting streams, lakes and marine waters from pollution, high temperatures and overall degradation or harm.

Three of the most significant proposals include changes to the state's criteria for temperature, dissolved oxygen and bacteria; revising the classification

system for waterways so that it is better aligned with the actual uses in a particular lake or stream; and establishing procedures for determining when degradation or harm would be allowed or prohibited to waterways determined to be of high quality.

The workshops are scheduled for 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Mt. Vernon**, Monday, Jan. 8  
Skagit County PUD  
1415 Freeway Drive

**Bellevue**, Tuesday, Jan. 9  
Ecology's NW Regional Office  
3190 160th Ave. S.E.

**Longview**, Thursday, Jan. 11  
Cowlitz County PUD  
961 12th Avenue

**Wenatchee**, Tuesday, Jan. 16  
Public Library Auditorium  
310 Douglass St.

**Kennewick**, Wednesday, Jan. 17  
Benton County PUD Auditorium  
2721 W. 10th.

**Spokane**, Thursday, Jan. 18  
Spokane Falls Community College  
Student Union, Bldg. No. 17  
3410 W. Fort George Wright Dr.

**Port Angeles**, Monday, Jan. 22  
Vern Burton Center  
308 E. 4th.

Drafts of the proposal will be available at the workshops, on the Internet at [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqa/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqa/index.html) or by contacting Ann Kahler, 360-407-6404. Written comments may be submitted by Feb. 16 to Mark Hicks, Dept. of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Wash., 98504-7600, or e-mailed to him at [mhick461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:mhick461@ecy.wa.gov). The department will review all comments and expects to issue a formal proposal for new standards sometime this spring.

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## Final EIS issued on Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project

The mid-December release of the final EIS for federal land management in the Columbia Basin triggered a thirty day public protest process whereby participants in the ICBEMP (Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project) can request that the proposed decision be reviewed by the Chief of the US Forest Service and the BLM Director. The protest period closes on January 16, 2001.

Once protests, if any, have been re-

viewed, any necessary changes will be included in a record of decision signed by the BLM Director and the US Forest Service Chief.

ICBEMP, initiated in 1993, addresses the landscape health issues facing the Columbia River basin and the socio-economic impacts of federal land management decisions. Washington counties, along with counties in Idaho, Oregon and Montana, have participated in development and review of ICBEMP and the EIS

through participation in the Eastside Ecosystem Coalition of Counties.

Copies of the Final EIS and the Proposed Decision are available in a printed version, on CD, or at the ICBEMP website, [www.icbemp.gov](http://www.icbemp.gov). Protests on the Final EIS must be mailed to Director, Bureau of Land Management, and Chief, US Forest Service: ICBEMP Protests; P. O. Box 65480; Washington, D.C. 20035.

Final EIS Highlights, Questions and Answers and other information can be obtained from Andy Brunelle in Boise at 208-334-1770, ext. 128 or Brenda Lincoln in Portland at 503-952-6033.

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## Antibiotics losing effect on pneumonia bacteria

A sometimes-lethal type of bacteria that causes many cases of pneumonia, bloodstream infections and other illnesses is rapidly becoming resistant to antibiotics, a government study found. Experts have warned for a decade that overuse of antibiotics is helping germs become resistant to drugs. It began with penicillin and now with newer antibiotics raising a concern that we will begin to see more deaths and amputations.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study, reported in the

New England Journal of Medicine, looked at Streptococcus, the nation's most common cause of meningitis, children's ear infections and pneumonia. This strain is a frequent cause of a bloodstream infection called bacteremia, which kills many elderly people.

Over the three years of the study (1995 - 1998), the percentage of pneumococcus samples resistant to three or more antibiotic classes grew from 9 percent to 14 percent. 12,045 samples were collected over the course of the study.

The percentage resistant to penicillin went from 21 to 25 percent.

Researchers noted that new vaccines, including one approved recently for use in babies, can protect against most drug-resistant strains of the bacteria. The researchers also found that as newer antibiotics came into greater use, the prevalence of pneumococcus resistant to the older antibiotics decreased - giving hope that maybe the trend can be reversed.

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## Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board supports Clallam County's "best available science"

Largely turning back a challenge from the Washington Environmental Council and a local environmental group to Clallam County's stream buffer provisions for critical areas, the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board in December said that the GMA requirements for best available science -- RCW 36.70A.172 (1) -- "envision a process and decision identical to the one engaged in by Clallam County. "The Board rejected the contention that the "best" science was the Priority Habitat and Species (PHS) recommendations from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"We have never held, nor does the GMA require, that only the PHS provides [best available science] for stream buffer widths," said the Board.

It then reiterated the language from *CCNRC v. Clark County*, the first decision on best available science:

"'Available' means not only that the evidence must be contained in the record, but also that the science must be practically and economically feasible. 'Best' means that within the evidence contained in the record a local government must make choices based upon the scientific information presented to it. The wider the dispute of the scientific

evidence, the broader the range of discretion allowed to local governments. Ultimately, a local government must take into account the practical and economic application of the science to determine if it is the 'best available'."

Clallam County also relied upon a 1996 scientific study, the 1997 DNR Habitat Conservation Plan, the Wild Salmonid Policy, a draft of the Forests and Fish Report, its own 1995 wetlands assessment and the 1992 Stormwater Manual.

The Board did find some of the exclusions and exemptions in the Clallam County ordinance to be noncompliant with GMA.

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## Public Works Fund accepting applications year-round

The state Public Works Board, which manages the Public Works Trust Fund, has replaced the annual application cycle for its pre-construction loan program with an "open cycle" to accommodate monthly applications. This will allow counties to access the program when they need it rather than just once a year.

Under the new approach, applications must be received by the 15th of the month or the first business day after the 15th in order to be considered at that month's board meeting. For example, applications must be received by January

16 for consideration at the January board meeting.

Applications are available on the Public Works Board web site at [www.crab.wa.gov/pwtf](http://www.crab.wa.gov/pwtf). For further information contact the Board staff in Olympia at 360-725-5000.

Each jurisdiction is eligible to receive \$1 million in pre-construction loans each biennium. However, between now and June 30, 2001 only about \$3.3 million is available for pre-construction loans, so early applicants may have an advantage. Additional funds are expected to be in place after July 1, 2001.

Interest rates for pre-construction loans are between 0.5 percent and 2 percent with a minimum local match of 5 percent. The loan term is five years.

The pre-construction loan program began in 1995, and is intended to help local governments accelerate the construction of eligible public works improvements and to provide more flexible financing options. Pre-construction loans may be used for pre-construction activities associated with eligible public works projects, which include bridges, roads, water systems, sewer systems, stormwater, and solid waste/recycling.

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## Coming Events

January 8  
**Legislative Session** begins

January 8-12  
**CANCELLED - Medilegal Death Investigation Training**, Port Angeles. Location and time TBA.

January 11-12  
**CRABoard Meeting**, CRAB Offices, Olympia

January 17-19  
**ACHS Meeting**, Olympia

January 19  
**Transportation Sub-Committee**, Washington Counties Building, Olympia, 9 - 10 am.

January 19  
**WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting**, Washington Counties Building, Olympia, 10 am - 1 pm.

February 2  
**WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting**, Washington Counties Building, Olympia

February 14  
**WACO Affiliate Legislative Meetings** in Olympia: Assessors, Washington Counties Building and Best Western Aladdin Motor Inn; Auditors, Guest House Inn; Clerks, WestCoast Olympia Hotel; Treasurers, WestCoast Olympia Hotel

February 14  
**Legislative Reception for State**

**Representatives and Senators**, sponsored by WSAC, WACO and AWC, Saint Martins Pavilion, Lacey, 6-7 pm

February 15  
**WSAC Legislative Rally**, Olympia

February 16  
**WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting**, Washington Counties Building, Olympia

February 28-March 4  
**Washington County Administrative Association Annual Meeting**

March 2  
**WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting**, Washington Counties Building, Olympia

# Employment Opportunities

## County Road Administration Board Washington Management Service, Maintenance Manager -

Salary: \$58,400 - \$87,500 DOQ. Position Objective: This position's main objective is to develop a maintenance management concept for Washington's 39 county road programs and to gain consensus from the County Engineers in order to have a basic program supporting all counties. This position then works with the engineers and the CRABoard to develop the Washington Administrative Codes and RCWs to support and codify the maintenance program. Knowledge and Skills Required: This position requires 5 years experience managing a county road department maintenance program and 5 years experience as a county engineer is preferred. Knowledge of the principles of civil engineering, county roadway engineering practices, maintenance and operations procedures, pavement management, risk management and experience working with labor unions is essential. Knowledge of county road department budgets, annual and 6 year road programs, day labor practices and laws, and motivation and training of road maintenance employees is essential.

This position requires skills to: \*manage professionals engaged in diverse and highly technical activities; \*build consensus with multiple organizations including federal, state, city and county governments, Indian Tribes, and other governmental organizations; \*develop policies with impacts affecting all modes of transportation for internal and external implementation, including all thirty-nine counties and the citizens living

within them; \*develop strategic plans with long term impacts; \*identify funding sources and develop distribution methods; \*prepare briefings and reports; \*provide legislative testimony; communicate effectively; and, \*motivate work force through exemplary leadership, coaching, and communicating.

### Principal Responsibilities:

- Develop maintenance policies with internal and external impacts affecting 39 counties, state and federal agencies, and cities, affecting all modes of transportation.
- Develop strategic plans with long-term impacts to facilitate positive visionary change in the counties.
- Represent agency on various local, state, legislative and federal committees with advisory, policy, and regulatory responsibilities, including principal interface between county road departments and state and federal regulatory agencies on funding, labor/union, environmental, natural resource and right of way issues.
- Liaison with the Attorney General on Standards of Good Practice and legal interpretations of statute applicable to county road departments.
- Advocate visionary changes in the state transportation system to improve cost-effective delivery in services for the citizens and businesses in the State of Washington.
- Analyze local transportation issues and propose projects for funding consideration and/or recommend statutory changes

to assist counties in achieving their transportation needs.

- Direct the development and implementation of CRAB WAC rules requiring that county road departments operate in reasonable compliance with applicable state laws and CRAB regulations.

For application package please contact Karen Pendleton at (360) 753-5989 or Karen@crab.wa.gov. Position closes January 19, 2001.

## **The Office of the Island County Prosecuting**

**Attorney** has an opening for a full-time **Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney**. Applications are sought from attorneys with experience in county or municipal civil practice, especially in the area of land use planning and growth management. Litigation experience is also required. Starting salary is \$3,723.39 per month and base salary after six months is \$4,009.81. Call 360-679-7372 for application packet. Membership in the Washington State Bar and a valid Washington State driver's license are required. Resume and legal writing samples are also required. This position will remain open until filled. EOE.

## **Snohomish County, Department of Planning and Development Services.**

The department of Planning and Development Services (PDS) is a full function planning agency with approximately 240 professional, technical and administrative staff. PDS manages all permit processes, building in-

spections, code enforcements, and land use/environmental reviews, including shoreline and ESA review analysis. The department also performs long-range planning under the State of Washington Growth Management Act, and administers federal and state community development grant programs. PDS supports the County Executive in regional planning, economic development and international trade efforts. The Department is organized for delivery of products and services to customers through four divisions (Building, Land Use, Planning, Administration and Operations) and three offices (Fire Marshal, Housing and Community Development, and the Directors Office).

A Master's degree in planning, public or business administration, or another field directly related to planning and development services management, and five to seven years of increasingly responsible experience in planning and development, including three years of supervisory or managerial experience. Relevant job experience may be substituted for Master's degree requirement.

The annual salary range for this position is between \$81,775 and \$115,557. Snohomish County offers an excellent benefits package.

For more information contact Snohomish County HR, 3000 Rockefeller M/S 503, Everett, WA 98201, phone (425) 388-3550. On the web at [www.co.snohomish.wa.us](http://www.co.snohomish.wa.us). E-mail [sandi.phillips@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:sandi.phillips@co.snohomish.wa.us).

