

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION
WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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The Attorney General's Office seeks public input on the following opinion request(s).

**05-11-01 Request by Mark Clark
Executive Director, Washington Conservation Commission**

- 1. Does a county legislative body have the authority to modify a conservation district's proposed budget or intended allocation of the special assessment funds? If so, is that body's authority to "modify and accept" a proposed system of assessments limited to changes to: (a) the methodology used to classify lands that will receive a special benefit from activities of the conservation district, (b) the amount of the assessments to be levied against the parcels of real property, and (c) the duration of the assessments?**

- 2. If a county legislative body is entitled to make changes, what obligation, if any, does a conservation district have to accept changes made by a county legislative authority to a proposed system of assessments?**

- 3. What options and obligations does a conservation district have if it does not agree with the final system of assessments imposed by a county legislative authority?**

- 4. May a conservation district elect to withdraw its proposed system of assessments at any time before a county legislative authority takes final action on the proposed system of assessments and, if so, is that accomplished by modifying and accepting the proposed system of assessments?**

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