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1 AN ACT Relating to drainage facilities; and amending RCW 85.38.180.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 85.38.180 and 1991 c 349 s 17 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 A special district may:

6 (1) Engage in flood control activities, and investigate, plan,
7 construct, acquire, repair, maintain, and operate improvements, works,
8 projects, and facilities necessary to prevent inundation or flooding
9 from rivers, streams, tidal waters or other waters. Such facilities
10 include dikes, levees, dams, banks, revetments, channels, canals,
11 drainage ditches, tide gates, flood gates, and other works, appliances,
12 machinery, and equipment.

13 (2) Engage in drainage control, storm water control, and surface
14 water control activities, and investigate, plan, construct, acquire,
15 repair, maintain, and operate improvements, works, projects, and
16 facilities necessary to control and treat storm water, surface water,
17 and flood water. Such facilities include drains, flood gates, drainage
18 ditches, tide gates, ditches, canals, nonsanitary sewers, pumps, and
19 other works, appliances, machinery, and equipment.

- 1 (3) Engage in lake or river restoration, aquatic plant control, and
2 water quality enhancement activities.
- 3 (4) Take actions necessary to protect life and property from
4 inundation or flow of flood waters, storm waters, or surface waters.
- 5 (5) Acquire, purchase, condemn by power of eminent domain pursuant
6 to chapters 8.08 and 8.25 RCW, or lease, in its own name, necessary
7 property, property rights, facilities, and equipment.
- 8 (6) Sell or exchange surplus property, property rights, facilities,
9 and equipment.
- 10 (7) Accept funds and property by loan, grant, gift, or otherwise
11 from the United States, the state of Washington, or any other public or
12 private source.
- 13 (8) Hire staff, employees, or services, or use voluntary labor.
- 14 (9) Sue and be sued.
- 15 (10) Cooperate with or join the United States, the state of
16 Washington, or any other public or private entity or person for
17 district purposes.
- 18 (11) Enter into contracts.
- 19 (12) Exercise any of the usual powers of a corporation for public
20 purposes.

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