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PROPOSED NO. 91 - 149

MOTION NO. 8240

A MOTION authorizing the King County executive to enter into three agreements with the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding the joint funding of two phase I lake restoration studies and two stream stewards for Bear and Soos Creeks pursuant to Chapter 70.146 R.C.W.

WHEREAS, the Washington State legislature has created the Centennial Clean Water Fund for the joint funding of water quality improvement plans and projects with other public agencies in the state pursuant to R.C.W. 70.146, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Ecology requires the development of an approved phase I restoration study before state funding can be sought for water quality protection or restoration activities or facilities for a lake, and

WHEREAS, lakes in King County are experiencing significant impacts on their water quality due to development and land surface disturbances on their shorelines and throughout the watersheds draining to those lakes, and those water quality impacts, especially the accelerated transport of plant nutrients to the lakes, increases algae and aquatic plant growth, thus accelerating the lake aging process called eutrophication, and

WHEREAS, increased eutrophication and the attendant accelerated growth of algae and aquatic plants impairs the many beneficial public uses of lakes including swimming, boating, fishing and passive shoreline recreation, and

WHEREAS, storm runoff from disturbed or developed watersheds can carry other toxic or harmful pollutants that can be deposited and remain in the water, sediments and biomass of lake systems, causing potential problems for the ecosystems of the lake and for users of the lake, and

WHEREAS, citizens representing lake protection associations for Beaver Lake and Lake 12 have approached King County to sponsor Centennial Clean Water Fund grants to perform phase I restoration studies on their respective lakes, and

WHEREAS, Beaver Lake has both a publicly owned and operated boat

launching facility and a major county owned and operated park on the shoreline and Lake 12 has a publicly owned and operated boat launching facility, thus meeting public access requirements for state funded restoration studies, and

WHEREAS, King County has recently completed for council and executive approval basin plans for the Bear and Soos Creek systems, two of the three top rated systems for aquatic resources, and

WHEREAS, through the evaluation of past planning efforts the county has found that basin plan implementation is much more successful if a staff person (steward) is devoted to the implementation of that plan, and

WHEREAS, state requirements include a twenty-five percent local match for grant moneys received for these projects, and

WHEREAS, the Beaver Lake Protection Association has committed through the grant application process to provide a significant portion of the required local match through both cash and in-kind efforts, and

WHEREAS, payment of most of the local match for the Lake 12 restoration study has been committed through the grant application process by the Pacific Coast Coal Company, the Lake 12 Association and the University of Washington Civil Engineering Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County: the county executive is hereby authorized to enter into three agreements in substantially the form attached with the Washington State Department of Ecology to accept grant funding for the Beaver Lake Phase I Restoration Study, the Lake 12 Phase I Restoration Study, and the Soos and Bear Creek Stream Stewards.

PASSED this 25th day of March, 1991

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council