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Introduced by:	Sims
Proposed No.:	93-8

MOTION NO. 8887

A MOTION authorizing a \$45,000 loan from the Farmland and Open Space Acquisition Fund to the King Conservation District to supplement grant funding for the district's operating costs through April 15.

WHEREAS, RCW 89.08.400 authorizes the county council to approve a special assessment on property within the King Conservation District to fund the district's operations, and

WHEREAS, the district's agricultural expertise and reputation among local farmers make it a potentially excellent partner for King County in working toward the county's water quality goals, and

WHEREAS, the county council wishes to have a signed interlocal agreement between the district and the county concerning the district's work plan and its coordination with county agencies before it approves an assessment for the district, and

WHEREAS, such an agreement is being negotiated at this time and it appears as though the agreement could be completed and signed by April 15, and

WHEREAS, since December 31, 1992, when the district's contract with the Building and Land Development Division ended without renewal, the district has been without funds to match state grants it has received, and so is in danger of ceasing operations, and

WHEREAS, with council authorization of an assessment the district would be enabled to repay a loan from the county, and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in the Farmland and Open Space Acquisition Fund that would not be restricted from being loaned for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of King County that operations of the King Conservation District be

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1 maintained at their current level at least through April 15, while its future operations and funding are being negotiated; 2 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County: 3 The council hereby authorizes a loan of \$45,000 to the 4 King Conservation District from the Farmland and Open Space 5 Acquisition Fund, at 6% annual interest, with loan repayments 6 expected to be made from a special property assessment to go 7 8 into effect January 1, 1994. PASSED this 19th day of January 9 KING COUNTY COUNCIL 10 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON 11 12 13 ATTEST: 14 15 16 Attachments: None 17