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Introduced by: Miller
Proposed No.: 94-240

MOTION NO. 9272

A MOTION approving a work plan for the use of King County's allocation of funds from the King Conservation District assessment.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 10981 authorized a system of special assessments for the King Conservation District of \$1.25 per parcel on all non-exempt properties throughout the district in 1994 and 1995, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 10981, Motion 9169 approved the work plan proposed by the district for 1994, which included a distribution of \$0.41 per parcel of the district assessment to cities within the district and to unincorporated King County, to be provided in cash, services or a combination of both, to be determined by the individual jurisdiction so long as the funds were spent for purposes consistent with the purposes of the district, and

WHEREAS, the distribution of district funds to be made to King County under these terms in 1994 is estimated to be \$77,384, which amount was placed in the River Improvement Fund through Ordinance 11130, with a proviso that these funds shall be spent as approved by motion by the county council, and

WHEREAS, the proviso also stated that these funds shall be accounted for separately within the River Improvement Fund and shall not be charged for administration by the surface water management division except as may be approved by such motion, and

WHEREAS, in considering how these funds shall be spent, two of the council's highest environmental priorities have been the preservation of water quality and fish habitat, and

WHEREAS, the district plays an important role in meeting these priorities through its work assisting livestock owners to develop farm management plans, pursuant to Ordinance 11130, and

1 WHEREAS, in consultation with staff and members of the
2 council and consistent with discussions at the time of council
3 approval of its 1994 work plan, the district has worked
4 cooperatively with county agencies to develop three pilot
5 initiatives to protect water quality and fish habitat by
6 offering new options to horse owners for disposal of manure,
7 each of which has anticipated receiving funding from the
8 county's distribution of district assessment revenue, and

9 WHEREAS, the county council recognizes a need to provide
10 financial assistance to owners of livestock whose farms include
11 or are adjacent to areas providing critical fish habitat and
12 who face significant financial difficulties in constructing the
13 physical improvements that may be required on their farms under
14 Ordinance 11168, and

15 WHEREAS, in 1993, the King County computer and
16 communication services division provided programming services
17 necessary to the City of Seattle, the King Conservation
18 District and the Noxious Weed Board, the cost of which were to
19 be divided among the parties, and

20 WHEREAS, because the county council did not approve an
21 assessment for the Noxious Weed Board, the share of the King
22 Conservation District for these costs was thereby increased by
23 \$24,250;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

25 The distribution of revenue from the King Conservation
26 District allocated to King County in 1994 shall be spent in the
27 amounts and on the projects as follows:

28 1. \$15,000--to the King Conservation District, for
29 outreach, marketing, technical assistance and evaluation
30 services to a pilot horse waste collection project with Waste
31 Management Inc. in the Bear Creek area, as generally described
32 in Attachment A.

33 2. \$10,000--to the King County solid waste division, for
34 outreach, promotional materials, technical assistance and

1 evaluation services to a pilot horse waste collection event
2 with a composting firm, as generally described in Attachment B.

3 3. \$2,000--to the King County cooperative extension office
4 of the community services division, for development and
5 implementation of an information exchange to put persons who
6 wish to use horse manure in their farms or gardens in contact
7 with horse owners so they may establish their own collection
8 arrangements, as generally described in Attachment C.

9 4. \$26,134--to the King Conservation District, to assist
10 livestock owners with the cost of constructing the physical
11 improvements recommended in farm management plans developed for
12 their farms pursuant to Ordinance 11168; provided that such
13 farms are adjacent to Class I or II streams or wetlands and
14 provided that such financial assistance represents no more than
15 50 percent of the total construction cost of such improvements.

16 5. \$24,250--to the King County computer and communication
17 services division, for computer services billed to the King
18 Conservation District.

19 PASSED this 2nd day of May, 1994.

20 Passed by a vote of 12-0.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen
Chair

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24 ATTEST:

25 Donald A. Peters
26 Clerk of the Council

27 Attachments:

- 28 A. December 20 letter from Jack Davis to Karen May, re:
29 King Conservation District budget estimates
30 B. Horse Waste Collection: Work Plan for South King County
31 Project
32 C. Horse Waste Distribution Program: Work Plan for Information
33 Exchange Project
34 Project