



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**March 9, 2009**

**Motion 12937**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0114.2

**Sponsors** Dunn, Lambert, Phillips and  
Constantine

1           A MOTION directing the executive to convene discussions  
2           with local, state and federal flood control agencies for the  
3           purpose of improving communications about and  
4           coordination of their respective actions that may affect the  
5           severity of flooding events.

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7           WHEREAS, King County has experienced numerous destructive flooding events  
8           over the past several decades, causing significant damage to homes and properties, and

9           WHEREAS, many flood events simply cannot be avoided due to the sheer  
10          magnitude of the rainfall, and

11          WHEREAS, the number of occurrences and the severity of flood events can be  
12          increased when there is a lack of coordination and communication between local, state  
13          and federal flood control agencies, and

14          WHEREAS, the substantial negative impacts that can result from a lack of  
15          coordination and communication between local, state and federal flood control agencies,  
16          was dramatically illustrated during the January 2009 flood event when significant  
17          flooding occurred along the Cedar river and White river, possibly in part, due to the

18 releases of water at dam facilities operated by the city of Seattle and the United States  
19 Army Corp of Engineers, and

20 WHEREAS, improved coordination and communication between local, state and  
21 federal flood control agencies will be a benefit to all the residents of King County by  
22 reducing the occurrences and/or severity of future flood events;

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

24 The King County executive shall convene discussions between county, state or  
25 federal agencies whose actions may have an impact on flood protection efforts, for the  
26 purpose of improving coordination and communication of actions that may affect the  
27 occurrence or severity of flood events and shall provide recommendations to the council,  
28 by May 31, 2009, for steps that can be taken to improve such coordination and  
29 communication.

30 The recommendation must be filed in the form of eleven copies with the clerk of  
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32 the council, who shall retain the original and will forward copies to each councilmember  
33 and to the committee coordinator of the physical environment committee.

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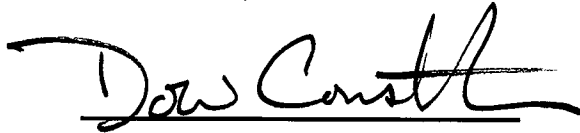
Motion 12937 was introduced on 2/23/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/9/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips,  
Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Mr. Ferguson and Mr. von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None