



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**June 13, 2017**

**Motion 14883**

**Proposed No. 2017-0142.2**

**Sponsors Kohl-Welles and Lambert**

1           A MOTION providing for evaluating and reporting on the  
2           Strategic Asset Management Plan of the wastewater  
3           treatment division, to assess the need to focus on system  
4           critical infrastructure such as the West Point Treatment  
5           Plant.

6           WHEREAS, the West Point Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is the flagship of  
7           the region's wastewater system, serves as the key wastewater treatment facility for a  
8           significant portion of the system's service area, and

9           WHEREAS, the plant experienced a major system failure in the early morning of  
10          February 9, 2017, with the result that the plant was inundated by major internal flooding  
11          and that the emergency bypass discharge was activated, resulting in the release of high  
12          volumes of untreated, combined flows of wastewater and stormwater directly into Puget  
13          Sound ("the event"), and

14          WHEREAS, initial indications suggest that, among other factors, the failure of  
15          effluent pumps, electric power interruptions and automatic water-level detection systems  
16          were major factors in the event, and

17          WHEREAS, the wastewater treatment division has prepared a Strategic Asset  
18          Management Plan, which is intended to evaluate the condition of equipment utilized in  
19          the operation of key facility systems, and provide for equipment repair, upgrade and

20 replacement, and

21 WHEREAS, the event presents an opportunity to evaluate the plan to assess  
22 whether revisions to strengthen its focus on system critical capital infrastructure, while  
23 continuing to address the wastewater system as a whole, are appropriate;

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

25 A. The executive is requested undertake a review and report on the Strategic  
26 Asset Management Plan of the wastewater treatment division, to assess means by which  
27 the plan can be modified and strengthened to address conditions that have become  
28 apparent as the result of the event.

29 B. The review and report should be transmitted by one hundred eighty days after  
30 the report required by Motion 14826 is delivered to the council, in the form of a paper  
31 original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the

32 original and provide in electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff  
33 and the lead staff for the regional water quality committee, or its successor.  
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Motion 14883 was introduced on 3/27/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/12/2017, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles  
and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None