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Introduced by: Bernice Stern

Proposed Motion 78-532

Motion No. 12862

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2 A MOTION relating to King County's areawide water quality  
3 management responsibilities and activities, setting forth  
4 guidelines for their implementation consistent with the  
objectives of the Areawide Water Quality Plan for the  
Cedar-Green Basins.

5 WHEREAS, the Congress passed the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of  
6 1972 and recognized as a national goal that the Nation's waters should  
7 be "fishable" and swimmable" by 1983, and  
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9 WHEREAS, Section 208 of the Water Pollution Control Act calls for  
10 areawide waste treatment management planning, and  
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12 WHEREAS, the State of Washington designated METRO as the responsible  
13 agency for developing an areawide water quality plan for the Cedar-Green  
14 River Basins, and  
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16 WHEREAS, the Areawide Water Quality Plan for the Cedar-Green River  
17 Basins was prepared by METRO and adopted by the Metropolitan Council on  
18 January 19, 1978, and  
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20 WHEREAS, King County participated directly in the Areawide Water  
21 Quality Plan by preparing the Juanita Creek Basin Plan, and  
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23 WHEREAS, the Areawide Water Quality Plan established the development  
24 of adequate surface water drainage control programs as the primary water  
25 quality improvement objective within the region, and  
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27 WHEREAS, the Areawide Water Quality Plan also recognized fecal pollution,  
28 weeds and algae, and toxicant control as additional water quality problem  
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1           WHEREAS, the basic policy of the Areawide Water Quality Plan is to  
2 rely on existing governmental units to deal with water quality problems  
3 rather than to create a new unit of government or to shift responsibility  
4 to other levels of governments, and

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6           WHEREAS, the Areawide Water Quality Plan sets forth detailed responsi-  
7 bilities of specific agencies to achieve implementation of the Plan's  
8 objectives;

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

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- 12 1. The purpose of this motion is to express King County's intent to  
13 assume and carry out certain responsibilities for implementing the  
14 Areawide Water Quality Plan for the Cedar-Green Basins. It is the  
15 County's goal to make substantial progress on each of the water quality  
16 management responsibilities herein identified within one year from the  
17 effective date of this motion.
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19 2. King County hereby assumes the following responsibilities for surface  
20 water management:
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22 a. Consider for adoption the Juanita Creek Plan and conduct the  
23 following activities as initial steps toward implementation of  
24 the plan:
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26 1) develop a detailed management and financial program for  
27 implementation of the Plan, and
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29 2) establish priorities for the public acquisition of property  
30 and easements and for the construction of drainage facilities  
31 recommended in the Plan.
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b. Review the Areawide Water Quality Plan's evaluation of King County's runoff control program and comment on items labeled "insufficient" and either explain why the evaluation is inaccurate or, if the evaluation is accurate, develop a schedule for addressing each deficiency.

c. Coordinate surface water management programs throughout the study area by:

- 1) developing a procedure for establishing priorities in which subbasin surface water management programs should be prepared,
- 2) developing and executing interagency agreements for coordinated runoff control among jurisdictions sharing common subbasins, and
- 3) developing a method to insure compatibility among local runoff controls, such as uniform standards regarding design storms, data collection, public survey techniques, runoff release rates, storm drainage computer simulation.

d. Collect environmental base data in such a format that it can be disaggregated by drainage subbasins.

e. Work with Metro to develop and conduct educational programs to broaden public and agency understanding of surface water issues.

3. King County hereby assumes the following responsibilities for weed and algae control:

a. Co-sponsor the aquatic weed control demonstration project in Union Bay.

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b. Prepare a statement prior to conclusion of the demonstration project indicating the ongoing weed control responsibilities, if any, to be assumed by King County.

4. King County hereby assumes the following management responsibilities for fecal pollution control and sewage facility planning:

a. Update the County's general sewerage plan to include the following:

- 1) identification of sewerage service areas and development policies,
- 2) identification of areas where sanitary sewers cannot or should not be constructed, due primarily to land use policy considerations,
- 3) review of sewerage plans from sewer districts (and water districts providing sewerage service), and
- 4) procedures to insure that the sewerage plans of sewer and water districts and METRO for unincorporated areas are consistent with King County's adopted land use plans, policies, and current programs.

b. Discuss methods intended to be used for the disposal of sewage from nonsewered areas and consider the establishment of a management program for on-site and rural wastewater disposal.

c. Work with METRO and DOE to review/revise the criteria presently used by DOE to establish statewide funding priorities for sewerage facilities.

d. Establish with METRO and the King Sub-regional Council a uniform data reporting methodology (including information regarding sewerage needs, water quality, and land use) for use in determining short and long term sewage management needs and in preparing annual updates of the Areawide Water Quality Plan.

4. King County hereby assumes the following responsibilities for control of toxicants:

a. Assist METRO to explore the feasibility of developing emergency procedures for spill clean-ups on a regional and sub-regional basis. Coordinate the participation of fire districts in this process.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED,

5. Accountability for implementing the water quality management responsibilities is necessary to assure compliance with federal requirements and to provide a basis for additional funding. Therefore, King County will include in the annual budget and or capital improvement program an identification of the amount of resources allocated to activities which directly relate to implementation of the County's water quality management responsibilities. Particular emphasis should be placed on the identification of annual expenditures for the surface water management program and drainage control projects.

6. Successful implementation of the water quality management responsibilities identified in this Motion is dependent upon the cooperation and assistance of other parties integrated under the management framework of the Areawide Water Quality Plan. Proposed amendments to the Plan, such as those precipitated by State or Federal certification reviews, shall not

1 affect King County's responsibilities or implementation activities as  
2 identified in this Motion unless such amendments are recognized by  
3 further formal action by the County Council.

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5 PASSED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1978.

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7 King County Council  
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9 Bernard Stern  
10 Chairman

11 ATTEST:

12 Dorothy M. Blaine DEPUTY  
13 Clerk of the Council

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