

MOTION NO. 5591

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2 A MOTION authorizing the King County Executive to
3 enter into an agreement with the cities of Auburn, Kent
4 Renton and Tukwila for the purpose of preparing a sur-
5 face water management agreement for the Green River.

6 WHEREAS, King County and the cities of Auburn, Kent, Renton and
7 Tukwila are parties to an interlocal agreement (May, 1978) which established
8 the Green River Basin Program for the purpose of coordinating the implemen-
9 tation of drainage and flood control improvements and which established the
10 Green River Basin Executive Committee (BEC) to oversee a long range pro-
11 gram to improve basin-wide surface water management; and

12 WHEREAS, the Green River Basin Program envisioned the need for river
13 management policies and guidelines which would compatibly relate runoff from
14 tributary drainage basins to river flows and discharges from structural flood
15 control and drainage projects, including Howard Hanson Dam; and

16 WHEREAS, on April 29, 1982 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers informed
17 King County that they can no longer honor their previous commitment to
18 provide capacity in the Green River for discharges pumped from the Black
19 River (P-1) pump station during high river flows and that in their opinion
20 any coincidental discharges from the pump plant or other pumping facilities on
21 the river could increase flooding in other areas and increase the probability
22 of levee failure; and

23 WHEREAS, on July 1, 1982, elected representatives from King County
24 and the Valley cities determined that the Soil Conservation Service East Side
25 Watershed Project as designed could not be implemented and directed that the
26 local governments withdraw as sponsors of the project; and

27 WHEREAS, King County and the Valley cities own and operate existing
28 drainage facilities, have approved development proposals, and are carrying
29 out flood plain and land use management programs in the lower basin that
30 have been planned, designed and conditioned on the basis of the previously
31 mentioned Corps of Engineers commitment which has been withdrawn; and

32 WHEREAS, operating existing and planning future drainage and flood
33 protection projects and implementing flood plain management programs and
comprehensive development and resource management plans is related to and

1 dependent upon the resolution of existing river capacity and pumping issues
 2 and the establishment of guidelines for allocating and sequencing all existing
 3 and future river inflows consistent with the structural integrity of the Green
 4 River levee system and river channel capacity; and

5 WHEREAS, a river management plan has been approved in concept by
 6 the BEC and local governments as the accepted approach to resolving surface
 7 water management problems in the lower Green River Basin including recogni-
 8 tion that the abandonment of the East Side Watershed Project and the new
 9 Corps of Engineers position on river discharges has made the need for such a
 10 plan more immediate and acute; and

11 WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers has agreed to conduct an analysis of
 12 alternative controlled flows from Howard Hanson Dam this year as part of
 13 their Flood Damage Reduction Study; this analysis being timely and an im-
 14 portant factor in the study of alternative river management policies and
 15 guidelines.

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

17 The King County Executive is authorized to enter into and carry out the
 18 provisions of an agreement to prepare a surface water management agreement
 19 for the Green River in substantially the same form as attached hereto with
 20 the cities of Auburn, Kent, Renton and Tukwila.

21 PASSED this 25th day of October 1982.

23 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 24 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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 26 Lois North
 Chairman

27 ATTEST:

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 29 Dorothy M. Owens
 30 DEPUTY Clerk of the Council