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Introduced By: BRUCE LAING

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MOTION NO. _____

A MOTION authorizing the continuation of County efforts necessary to pursue establishment of a King County surface water management program and related rates and charges.

WHEREAS, King County has significant surface water management responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, there is a growing public awareness about water resource issues in our region, especially with regard to the degraded health of Puget Sound, and

WHEREAS, the King County executive and the King County council have determined there is a need to establish a comprehensive approach to addressing surface water management problems through a stable means of financing the growing surface water management needs in King County, and

WHEREAS, department of public works staff have developed a program proposal to levy a contribution-based service charge in the western half of unincorporated King County to fund expanded efforts in surface water management capital improvements, development of basin plans, and improved maintenance of stormwater control facilities, and

WHEREAS, in reviewing this proposal, the King County council has determined additional work is necessary to address some outstanding issues related to implementing this proposal, and

WHEREAS, the King County executive and the King County council recognize efforts need to be made through the State legislature to ensure that public school districts are not adversely affected by the proposed charges for surface water management, and

1 WHEREAS, the King County executive and the King County
2 council desire to work cooperatively with the cities to address
3 our common surface water management problems, and

4 WHEREAS, if a contribution-based service charge is to be
5 implemented certain tasks must be carried out by specific
6 deadlines, while others need to be deferred until outstanding
7 issues have been resolved;

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

9 The executive is requested to revise the remainder of the
10 department of public works 1985 work program related to
11 implementing a new county surface water management program, and
12 develop a 1986 proposed budget and work program to respond to
13 outstanding concerns of the King County council to provide for
14 the option of implementing an enhanced program and
15 contribution-based service charge in 1987.

16 The continued effort to establish a county surface water
17 management program shall address the following outstanding
18 issues and take into consideration the following approach to
19 addressing these issues:

20 A. King County during the 1986 State legislative session
21 shall actively pursue as one of its highest priorities for
22 passage adequate funding for school districts to pay for
23 surface water management-related charges without affecting
24 budgets for basic education.

25 B. The department of public works shall explore the
26 participation of incorporated areas in joint surface water
27 management efforts, including such activities as cost-sharing
28 for capital projects and watershed planning, standardization of
29 development requirements, and participation in the County's
30 proposed service-charge funded program.

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1 C. The department of public works shall prepare an
2 analysis of alternative statutory authorities under whose
3 auspices the County can establish an expanded surface water
4 managment program, and alternative means for handling direct
5 discharge properties within the proposed contribution-based
6 rate structure.

7 PASSED this 15th day of July, 1985.

9 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
10 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

11 Gary Grant
12 Chairman

13 ATTEST:

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15 Dorothy M. Arena
16 Clerk of the Council

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