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MOTION NO. 7120

A MOTION relating to a water conservation program within King County government facilities, urging the County Executive to develop and implement such a program.

WHEREAS, rainfall throughout the King County region, and mountain storage levels within that region, are far below normal for the early part of the year, with levels at only 22% of normal, and

WHEREAS, rainfall in the Cedar River watershed, the main source of surface water supply for King County residents, is the lowest on record for the eight-month period from June through January, measuring only 37.19 inches of rain, and

WHEREAS, the continuation of abnormal weather patterns are causing the Seattle Water Department, the largest provider of potable water to county residents, to proceed with contingency planning that will assure that water demands can be met during the high use summer season, and

WHEREAS, the water shortage response strategy to be employed is based on the Seattle Comprehensive Regional Water Plan (COMPLAN) approved by the King County council for use in unincorporated areas, and

WHEREAS, the COMPLAN outlines a staged plan of action for a water shortage, as now being experienced, as well as a long-term water conservation program, and

WHEREAS, King County government facilities are relatively large consumers of water supplied by the Seattle water system;

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

A. The county executive is urged to prepare and implement a water use conservation program to be implemented within all buildings and facilities owned or operated by King County government, including outdoor facilities such as parks, recreation areas, landfills and transfer stations.

B. The program should include the installation of water-saving devices wherever practical, a systematic inspection of all freshwater plumbing systems for leaks and the immediate repair thereof; and the education of all county employees in the conservative use of water supplies.

PASSED this 29th day of February, 1988.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council