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MOTION NO. 9420

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2 A MOTION approving the "Surface Water
3 Management Program: Status Report and
4 Policy Recommendations," with certain
5 conditions.
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7 WHEREAS, on June 28, 1994, the county executive
8 transmitted the "Surface Water Management Program: Status
9 Report and Policy Recommendations" to the county council, and

10 WHEREAS, this report proposes significant policy
11 decisions for the King County surface water management
12 division (SWM), some of which depart from the strategic plan
13 approved by the council for SWM in Motion 8901, and

14 WHEREAS, these decisions are primarily prompted by the
15 decline in revenues for SWM caused by annexations and
16 incorporations that have occurred or are anticipated in its
17 service area in urban unincorporated King County, as well as
18 by cases where the actual experience of SWM in attempting to
19 implement its strategic plan has differed significantly from
20 what the council anticipated, and

21 WHEREAS, the policy decisions proposed in the report
22 directly relate to the SWM budget for 1995 and future years,
23 as well as to bond issuances for SWM capital projects,
24 including one anticipated for late 1994, and

25 WHEREAS, the policy decisions also relate to the
26 Regional Needs Assessment that is being conducted by SWM in
27 coordination with the City of Seattle and the Suburban Cities
28 Association, in that the assessment is intended to lead to
29 proposals for long-term revisions in regional surface water
30 management services provided in the region and the agencies
31 that provide them, while the policy decisions in the report

1 propose changes in SWM that are intended to hold until such a
2 long-term, regional approach to surface water management
3 services could be implemented, likely bringing further
4 changes to the program, and

5 WHEREAS, the council has considered the recommendations
6 of the status report and, in general, found them reasonable
7 and appropriate, but with certain conditions, and

8 WHEREAS, these conditions involve the council's desire
9 for the following: an aggressive schedule for transmittal of
10 basin plans that are underway and for completion of the
11 Regional Needs Assessment; modification of the Neighborhood
12 Drainage Assistance Program to improve its function as a
13 means to redress imbalances in certain basins between
14 revenues contributed to SWM and services received in return;
15 preservation of some enforcement role for SWM in cases of
16 drainage problems on private property that cause significant
17 property damage; and assurance that reduced maintenance of
18 certain drainage facilities, as recommended in the report,
19 will not impair the functions of these facilities or the
20 investment made in their original construction;

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

23 A. The "Surface Water Management Program: Status Report
24 and Policy Recommendations," as transmitted by the county
25 executive, is hereby approved, with the following conditions:

26 1. The schedule for watershed management activities,
27 transmittal of basin plans and completion of the Regional
28 Needs Assessment, as shown in Attachment A, is included
29 within the report.

30 2. After consultation with the council and by January
31 31, 1995, SWM modifies its rating system for Neighborhood
32 Drainage Assistance projects to improve the capacity of the

1 program to redress imbalances between revenues contributed
2 and services received in certain basins.

3 3. On page 12 of the status report, the final sentence
4 under "Maintenance and Enforcement" (after "actions." and
5 before "SWM's Future") is deleted and replaced with the
6 following: "Resources for enforcement actions will be scaled
7 back relative to technical assistance efforts; enforcement
8 actions will be prioritized by SWM to address the most urgent
9 needs involving threats to public safety and/or damage to
10 property."

11 4. By January 31, 1995, SWM identifies for the council
12 the number, type and general location of drainage facilities
13 for which it proposes reduced maintenance standards or less
14 frequent maintenance checks in 1995, together with historical
15 levels of maintenance services provided to these facilities.

16 5. By August 31, 1995, SWM reports to the council the
17 level of complaint or emergency maintenance services required
18 by these facilities in the first half of 1995 and the
19 performance and condition of a representative sample of those
20 facilities selected for reduced maintenance standards.

1 B. This action does not constitute approval of the
2 specific list of capital projects proposed in the report for
3 funding in SWM's next bond issue; projects approved for this
4 bond issue will be authorized by separate ordinance.

5 PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 21st day of
6 November, 1994.

7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
8 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

9 Kent Pullen
10 Chair

11 ATTEST:

12 Arnold A. Peter
13 Clerk of the Council

14 Attachments:

15 A. Schedule for basin plans, watershed management activities
16 and Regional Needs Assessment

Proposed Basin Planning Schedule 1994 - 1997

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October 26, 1994

Basin/Starting Year	Current & Future Conditions Report	Draft Basin Plan	WMC or Executive Proposed Plan	Expected Council Adoption	WMC/DOE Approval	Council Actions Post-Adoption
Soos/87		Nov 89 ✓	July 90 ✓	Jan 92 ✓	N/A	N/A
Bear/87		Dec 89 ✓	May 91 ✓	Oct 92 ✓	N/A	Awaiting passage of Implementation Ord.
Hylebos--LPS/88	July 90 ✓	Feb 91 ✓	July 91 ✓	Oct 93 ✓	N/A	Dependent on passage of Bear Imp. Ordinance
ILS/88	Sept 90 ✓	May 92 ✓	Jan 93 ✓	Nov 93 ✓	Jan 94 ✓	Awaiting passage of Tech. Corrections Ord. for E. Sam Community Plan
Issaquah/89	Oct 91 ✓	Nov 92 ✓	Oct 94 ✓	Mar 95	May 95	Concurrent w/ Council adop
Cedar/91	May 93 ✓	Jan 95	July 95	Dec 95	Feb 96	Concurrent w/ Council adop
May/92	Feb 95	Oct 95	Mar 96	Aug 96	N/A	Concurrent w/ Council adop
Miller--Salmon--Seola/94*	on hold	on hold	on hold	on hold	on hold	on hold

✓ Indicates completion of milestone.

* Work has stopped while negotiations continue with local cooperating entities. Schedule will be reset if/when agreement is reached to proceed.

Note: Basin Plans formerly scheduled for Boeing--McAler--Lyon--Thornton/95, Juanita, East Lake Washington/96 and West Lake Washington, West Lake Sammamish/96 are not currently budgeted.

Proposed Watershed Management Schedule 1994 - 1997

Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize Scoping Summary Document (Fall 1994) • Finalize Lower Green Tributary Enhanced Reconnaissance Report (October 1994) • Bogin Habitat Restoration Program (1994) • Middle Green floodplain modeling and mapping (1994 → 1995) • Staff water quality and habitat work on the Duwamish Coalition (1994 ⇌ 1997) • Building interagency and public/private partnerships for managing watershed (1994 ⇌ 1997) • Develop Green River stewardship program (1995 ⇌ 1997)
Sammamish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building partnerships, negotiate with cities (1995) • Develop long-range scope (1995) • Field work, planning, and analysis (1995 ⇌ 1996) • Start implementation (1996)
Cedar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Basin Plan (1996 ⇌ 1997)/Legacy (1994 → 1997) • Habitat acquisition and restoration (1994 → 1997) • Flood damage reduction (1994 → 1997) • Oversee CIP, Programs, Regulations (1995 ⇌ 1997) • Create Cedar River Council (1995 ⇌ 1997)

REGIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

NAME	START	FINISH
Task 0: Coalition Building and Project Scoping with Suburban Cities, Seattle, and METRO	Completed	Completed
Task 1: Final Project Scoping and Consultant Selection	Completed	Completed
Task 2: Elected & Stakeholder Involvement	July 6, 1994	June 14, 1995
Task 3: Watershed Report	March 1, 1994	Nov. 15, 1994
Task 4: Visions and Challenges	July 6, 1994	Dec. 15, 1994
Task 5: Organizational Assessment	Oct. 14, 1994	May 2, 1995
Task 6: Service Delivery Models	April 21, 1995	June 8, 1995
Council Decision Making Process	June 9, 1995	Sept. 21, 1995

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