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Introduced By: Larry Phillips

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MOTION NO. **10348**

A MOTION advising the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team of King County interests and priorities in the development of its 1999 - 2001 work plan.

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Quality Committee first met with representatives of the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team on July 18, 1996 and in 1996 approved Motion 9975 advising the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team of King County interests and priorities in the development of the state's 1997 - 1999 work plan, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Quality Committee met with representatives of the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team on September 18, 1997 to discuss current King County priorities for protection of Puget Sound for the updated Action Team work plan for fiscal years 1999 - 2001, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Quality Committee and the Metropolitan King County Council have adopted a work plan for 1997, which is incorporated by reference as Attachment A to this Motion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

The Regional Water Quality Committee recommends that the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team be advised of the following priorities for protection of Puget Sound by the Metropolitan King County Council:

1 A. King County is involved in several initiatives which protect Puget Sound
2 through preservation of open space, surface water management and wastewater
3 management programs. During the 1997 - 1999 biennium King County intends to:

- 4 1. Complete and adopt the Regional Wastewater Services Plan;
- 5 2. Fund and implement the Regional Needs Assessment program;
- 6 3. Administer the Lake Washington Ecological Studies on behalf of the Lake
7 Washington/Cedar River and Sammamish watershed forums;
- 8 4. Implement flood control plans and capital projects which also protect water
9 quality;
- 10 5. Support water supply initiatives which support clean water objectives;
- 11 6. Participate in regional and state economic development and trade programs;
- 12 and
- 13 7. Participate in efforts to restore or protect shellfish in Puget Sound.

14 B. An additional watershed forum for direct Central Puget Sound drainages may
15 be developed during the 1997 - 1999 biennium that is expected to address:

- 16 1. Concerns identified in a draft Marine Water Quality Assessment, including
17 toxicants, bacteria and other pollutant risks that endanger shellfish and other marine life
18 and pose risks to human health; and
- 19 2. The need for regional integration of actions taken in Puget Sound with those
20 taken by other watershed forums.
- 21 3. Other issues that may be determined by the forum.

1 C. King County requests that the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team and
2 other state agencies address the following regional and watershed priorities developed by
3 watershed forums, in the Action Team's 1999 - 2001 work plan:

4 1. Providing state funding of the priorities identified by the local governments
5 and the watershed forums. This is the highest priority state role identified by the local
6 government partnerships in King County.

7 2. Supporting allocation of Centennial Clean Water and other funds by major
8 watershed in the state, using population as a factor. State dollars which are committed to
9 local projects should be better coordinated (and pooled where appropriate), so that
10 spending by different state agencies is coordinated and those dollars are spent on priority
11 projects.

12 3. Supporting mitigation banks to direct DOT and other agency mitigation
13 requirements to the highest priority needs, and other opportunities for reallocation of
14 existing as well as creation of new funding sources.

15 4. Supporting collaboration with the watershed forums and King County in the
16 Department of Ecology's assessment for the Cedar-Green Water Quality Management
17 Area.

18 5. Supporting collaboration between DFW, King County and cities to establish
19 guidance for Hydraulic Project Approval permits that should maximize environmental
20 benefits for project costs. King County particularly seeks to establish guidance for fish
21 habitat projects in the Cedar River with a goal of protecting and restoring the river's
22 overall ecological health and biodiversity, rather than managing it for a single species.

1 6. Supporting significant staff and financial contributions from DFW for
2 implementation of recommendations from ecological studies of Lake Washington, to help
3 return the Lake Washington sockeye to their status in the 1970s and 1980s as the state's
4 most valuable recreational fishery.

5 7. Supporting technical and other assistance to improve marine water
6 resources for central Puget Sound.

7 8. Encouraging, as a matter of state policy, the establishment of surface water
8 management utilities in all local jurisdictions.

9 9. Providing clear authority to local government partnerships the ability to
10 impose a regional fee for water quality protection.

11 10. Addressing non-point pollution from resource based activities; expanding
12 the role of the state Department of Agriculture to include urban farmlands.

13 11. Direct allocation of state assistance to the preservation of the priority fisheries
14 resources.

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12. Continuing to support local government efforts to improve water quality with state assistance to local operating and capital programs for wastewater management, surface water management and flood control.

PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 on this 10th day of November 1997.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council

Attachments: 1997 Regional Water Quality Committee Workplan, Waterways 2000 Technical Report



Metropolitan King County

Regional Water Quality Committee

ATTACHMENT A:

1. 1997 Regional Water Quality Committee Work Plan:

POLICY ISSUE:		1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter
Citizen's Water Quality Advisory Committee re-establishment		Action Item in February		
CSO Program status and policy evaluation-		Detailed discussion in March and April on organization and linked funding sources.	Policy actions (if any) in May	
Review of Financial Policies and Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater fund accounting within the "superdivision" • Need to accurately track funds to appropriate activities • Committee, CWQAC and Public Participation process • Other special policies as may be needed 			Review findings and compare to RNA project lists	Recommend projects (if any) for funding in 1998 budget
Fish Habitat Committee recommendations policy adoption			Review and Adopt pilot project implementation steps	
Inflow/Infiltration Issues - assessment, capital solutions and pricing considerations.			Policy action in May or June	
PCL/SMI Program Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy discussion of alternative technology • Coordination of public participation in the policy process 		Discussion in March or April		
RNA Forum Establishment and RWQC Policy Discussions		Identify and summarize basin needs by April	Discuss and develop a consensus on regional priorities	Coordinate forum discussions and work plans
RNA Financing Plan		Resolve alternative funding sources	Recommend the RNA funding source to KCC	

1997 Regional Water Quality Committee Workplan - continued.

	Adopt a timeline for plan adoption by April	Pending	Pending
Wastewater Management Plan Adoption - final action on integrated plan			Action in August September
Operating Policies such as coordination with Emergency Management			Policy recommendation for 1998 funding studies and/or projects
Wastewater Re-use	Summary of potential and anticipated costs		
Septic tank issues			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMA policies to sewer west of the boundary • Policy affirming suitability of septic systems in certain areas such as rural zones 			
Policies relating to phosphorous and pesticide application			



Metropolitan King County

Regional Water Quality Committee

ATTACHMENT B:

1. 1996 Adopted Regional Water Quality Committee Work Plan:

	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>
<u>POLICY ISSUE:</u>			
*Biosolids Long-Range Management Plan-	Discussion item	RWQC Policy	
Capacity Charge – policies in response to audit	Discussion item; RWQC policy to clarify audit policy questions		<i>Possible Policy</i> recommendation Council for 1997 charges
Citizen's Water Quality Advisory Committee re-establishment		RWQC Policy	
Consolidation of Wastewater and Water Quality Programs	RWQC policy: planning guidelines		RWQC policy: implementation priorities
*CSO Program status and policy evaluation-		Discussion item	<i>Possible RWQC</i> <i>Policy</i>
"Culver" Policies and wastewater fund accounting	RWQC policy for 1997 rate		RWQC policy for 1997 -1998 merg
Financial Policy Issues for Water Quality Rate	RWQC policy for 1997 rate	RWQC policy for 1997 rate	
Fish Habitat Committee recommendations policy adoption	Discussion item	RWQC Policy	RWQC Policy
*Inflow/Infiltration Issues – assessment & capital solutions-		Possible workshop	
PCL/SMI Program Implementation		RWQC Policy	
RNA Forum Establishment and RWQC Policy Discussions	Ongoing task	Ongoing task	Ongoing task
RNA Financing Plan	Discussion item	RWQC policy for 1997 implementation	
*Wastewater Facilities and Conveyance development policies-	Discussion item	Possible workshop	RWQC Policy

Wastewater Management Plan Adoption - final action on integrated plan		Discussion item		Possible workshop		Discussion item	
Other Water Quality Issues as assigned		Ongoing task		Ongoing task		Ongoing task	
*An element of Wastewater Management Plan - Decisions made in 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarter may need to be revised when final plan is adopted.							

2. Regional Water Quality Committee Work Plan for 1994 - 1995 and Status:

A. Work Plan Tasks specified in Consolidation Transition process:

1994 - 1995 WORK PLAN TASKS		RWQC ACTION		SIGNIFICANT RWQC PROGRESS	
1.	Review of water quality comprehensive and long-range capital improvement plans	Four Policy messages to County Council			✓
2.	Review of current service policies; including proposed extensions, capital facility priorities and general spending priorities for water quality services	1994 & 1995 Financial Policy Motions			✓
3.	Review of budget and financial policies and priorities as well as rate policy implications	1994 & 1995 Financial Policy Motions			✓
4.	Facility siting policies	Subject of committee workshop in September, 1995; Raised profile of <i>II</i> in adopted 1996 budget			✓
5.	Coordinate public participation in water quality issues	Accept Public Comment at regular monthly meetings Receive regular advise from CWQAC and MWPAAC			✓
6.	Participation in the Wastewater 2020 planning process	Four Policy messages to County Council			✓
7.	Develop a first year policy planning work program	Work Plan Completed and Adopted by Motion			✓

C. Other Work Plan Tasks assumed by consensus of the Regional Water Quality Committee

1994 - 1995 WORK PLAN TASKS		RWQC ACTION	SIGNIFICANT RWQC PROGRESS
8.	Recommend water quality research projects	Capacity charge audit; septic system analysis; Fish Habitat report discussion; World Conservation Corps program; I/I; RNA	✓
9.	Policies regarding disposal of biosolids	Mountains-to-Sound Motion referred to Committee and adopted	✓
10.	Policies regarding CSO program compliance and project prioritization	2 Policy motions	✓
11.	Wastewater re-use and energy recovery policies	Renton program complete; Westpoint pending	
12.	Environmental education (wastewater only)	Could use more attention, particularly in light of proposed consolidation of water quality programs.	✓
13.	Policies regarding Metro's water quality monitoring program	No substantial policy changes identified	
14.	Policies regarding Metro's participation in the Local Hazardous Waste Management program	No substantial policy changes identified	
15.	Policies regarding municipal and industrial sources of wastewater discharge	No substantial policy changes identified.	
16.	Policies regarding contaminated sediments near wastewater treatment facilities	No substantial policy changes identified.	
17.	Policies to comply with municipal wastewater management under Clean Water Act of 1972	Ongoing Discussion topic	✓
18.	Policies regarding Metro expansion of the wastewater system	Ongoing Discussion topic; part of comprehensive planning process	✓

D. Work Plan Tasks to be assigned to regional committees.

1994 - 1995 WORK PLAN TASKS		RWQC ACTION	SIGNIFICANT RWQC PROGRESS?
19.	Policies to coordinate and/or integrate surface water management programs with water quality program	Now assigned to RWQC; ongoing discussion topic in preparation for Regional Needs Assessment process	✓
20.	Policies and priorities for fish and wildlife habitat protection and restoration	Not formally assigned to RWQC; discussion topic "Fish Habitat Committee" report	✓
21.	Water supply in King County	Not formally assigned to RWQC <i>NO FORMAL ACTION</i>	

E. Work Plan Tasks recommended by the Citizens' Water Quality Advisory Committee.

1994 - 1995 WORK PLAN TASKS		RWQC ACTION	SIGNIFICANT RWQC PROGRESS?
22.	Policies to coordinate surface water management programs (duplicates #19)		
23.	Policies regarding water quality monitoring program (duplicates #13)		
24.	Policies regarding identification and remediation of failed septic systems	RWQC advised Council to include research funds in 1995 budget. Health Department working with \$100,000 provided in contract with Water Quality.	✓
25.	Policies regarding CSO program compliance and project prioritization (duplicates #10)		
26.	Policies and priorities for fish and wildlife habitat protection and restoration (duplicates #20)		
27.	Policies regarding non-point sources of pollution	<i>NO FORMAL ACTION</i>	
28.	Water supply in King County (duplicates #21)	<i>NO FORMAL ACTION</i>	
29.	Develop policy on pesticide and herbicide applications		
30.	Policy integration with Puget Sound Water Quality Authority	No formal action taken by committee to date; Legislature terminated PSWQA in 1995 and 1996 sessions.	
31.	Policies regarding protection of wetlands	Discussion of role of water quality program by RWQC; no formal action taken	✓