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Introduced by: BOB GAINES
Mike Lowry

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MOTION NO. (3097)

A MOTION authorizing the King County Executive to enter into an agreement with the City of Auburn, the City of Kent, the City of Renton and the City of Tukwila for the purpose of jointly developing a work program to guide the formulation of an interim development and regulatory plan for mitigating existing and future flooding in the lower Green River Valley until Federal flood protection systems are implemented.

WHEREAS, King County, the Cities of Auburn, Kent, Renton, and Tukwila, the Green River Flood Control Zone District and the King County Conservation District are sponsors of the East and West Side Green River Watershed Projects developed by the Soil Conservation Service under Public Law 566, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has designated State Flood Control Zone #2, Green River, and has issued state flood control permits pursuant to RCW 86.15, permitting development of flood plain lands, provided all such development was adequately flood-proofed to elevations which assumed the Watershed Projects were installed; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have applied for and become eligible for federally subsidized flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, and in order to maintain their eligibility for said insurance must adhere to the rules and regulations promulgated by HUD in carrying out the national flood insurance program; and

WHEREAS, revised regulations by HUD (Fed. Reg., Vol. 41, No. 207, Section 1911.12) permit the consideration of federally funded flood protection systems, such as the Watershed Projects, in reducing floodproof elevations, provided that said protection systems have progressed in their implementation so as to meet the criteria specified therein; and

WHEREAS, the East and West Side Green River Watershed Projects do not meet the criteria specified in Section 1911.12 of the HUD regulations and the State of Washington must therefore

1 require floodproofing to the naturally occurring 100 year flood
2 elevation or other defined 100 year flood elevation for all new
3 development and improvements to existing developments located in
4 designated flood hazard areas; and

5 WHEREAS, the Department of Ecology has revised State policy
6 on flood control permits in State Flood Control Zone #2, Green
7 River, to bring said policy into conformance with requirements of
8 the federal flood insurance program with regard to floodproof
9 elevations; and

10 WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Corps of Engineers
11 that the existing Green River channel does not have adequate
12 capacity under flooding conditions to accept all waters conveyed
13 to it by the Watershed Projects or by other systems and that this
14 condition has resulted in a decision by the Soil Conservation
15 Service, not yet formally ratified by the local sponsors, to
16 inactivate the West Side Watershed Project and modify the East
17 Side Watershed Project further delaying their construction and
18 adding uncertainty as to their ultimate implementation; and

19 WHEREAS, urban development of the lower Green River flood-
20 plain until federal flood protection systems are implemented will
21 displace critical flood plain storage causing floodwaters to
22 increase in elevation and be redirected to other protected and
23 unprotected properties; and

24 WHEREAS, the urban development of upstream areas and upland
25 watersheds increases runoff volumes which flow into and raise the
26 level of the Green River and/or collect in low lying lands
27 adjacent to the river aggravating flooding conditions in the
28 lower Green River Valley; and

29 WHEREAS, the parties hereto share in common the floodplains
30 and uplands of the lower Green River Watershed, are concerned
31 about the health, safety and welfare of people in the watershed
32 whose property is subject to flooding and impaired use and have
33 through enabling legislation and police powers the authority to

1 adopt and enforce legislation to address these problems.

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

3 The King County Executive is authorized to enter into the
4 agreement attached hereto by and between KING COUNTY, THE CITY
5 OF AUBURN, THE CITY OF KENT, THE CITY OF RENTON, AND THE CITY
6 OF TUKWILA for the purpose of jointly developing a work program
7 to guide the formulation of an interim policy and regulatory
8 plan for the purposes of planning and regulating development to
9 mitigate existing and future flooding in the Lower Green River
10 Valley until such time as Federal flooding protection projects
11 are implemented.

12 PROVIDED THAT:

13 1. Said work program is both consistent with and complements
14 the work program of the County Office of Agriculture, as
15 specified in Ordinance 3064, and the development of the King
16 County Subregional Land Use Plan.

17 2. A report of the studies associated with the
18 implementation of the SCS Watershed and Corps of Engineers Flood
19 Control Projects authorized by Motion 2282 is presented to the
20 Council by August 1, 1977.

21 3. Prior to entering into the agreement, the County
22 Executive shall prepare and present to the Council a staffing
23 plan with necessary budget ordinance(s) to carry out the County's
24 responsibilities set forth in the agreement.

25 PASSED this 5th day of July, 1977.

26 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
27 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

28 *Mike Lowry*
29 Chairman

30 ATTEST:

31 *Deputy M. Quinn* DEPUTY
32 Clerk of the Council
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