



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**March 9, 2009**

**Motion 12935**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0112.2

**Sponsors** Dunn, Phillips and Constantine

1           A MOTION relating to the notification of residents in  
2           flood-prone areas about imminent flooding and directing  
3           the executive to provide a report outlining the current  
4           county notification process and requesting improvements.

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6           WHEREAS, King County has experienced numerous destructive flooding events  
7           over the past several decades, causing significant damage to homes and properties, and

8           WHEREAS, the king county water and land resources division is the agency  
9           relied upon by county residents to assist them during flood events, and

10           WHEREAS, the flood event of January 2009 exposed inadequacies in the  
11           provision of timely notice about imminent flooding to residents in flood-prone areas, with  
12           especially devastating results for residents along portions of the Cedar River and in the  
13           city of Pacific, and

14           WHEREAS, an effort to improve notice about imminent flooding benefits both  
15           residents and the county by reducing the chance of flood damage and danger to residents;

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

17           The water and land resources division shall:

18           A. Review its current process for providing timely notice of imminent flooding to  
19 residents in flood-prone areas; and

20           B. Provide a report to the council detailing the current process and proposed  
21 improvements to the process by May 31, 2009, with the goal of developing the ability to  
22 contact every resident living in a flood-prone area before an impending flood event.

23           The report must be filed in the form of eleven copies with the clerk of the council,

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25 who shall retain the original and will forward copies to each councilmember and to the  
26 committee coordinator of the physical environment committee.

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Motion 12935 was introduced on 2/23/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/9/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

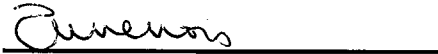
Excused: 2 - Mr. Ferguson and Mr. von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None