



Legislation Text

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A MOTION authorizing an interlocal agreement between King County, the city of Burien, the city of SeaTac, the city of Normandy Park and the Port of Seattle for the purpose of preparing a basin plan for the Miller and Salmon Creek basins.

WHEREAS, King County, the city of Burien, the city of SeaTac, the city of Normandy Park and the Port of Seattle ("the parties") share jurisdiction in the Miller and Salmon Creek basins ("the basin") and recognize that the basin contains an extensive natural resource system including streams, lakes and wetlands that is worthy of restoration and protection to promote water quality, fish habitat, recreation and flood storage, and

WHEREAS, the parties agree on the importance of resolving existing drainage, flooding, erosion and sedimentation and water quality problems in the basin, and

WHEREAS, the stability and function of the basin's natural resource is threatened by existing and proposed development within the basin, and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that drainage, flooding, erosion and sedimentation, water quality and fisheries problems in the basin are irrespective of jurisdictional boundaries, and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that cooperative effort to identify and address problems in the basin will promote cost savings to the public and the most effective protection of the natural resource system, and wish to jointly develop a cooperative interjurisdictional basin plan, and

WHEREAS, the parties have each previously conducted numerous stream gauging, resource inventory, engineering, hydrologic modeling and water sampling activities in the basin which they wish to contribute to a basin planning effort, and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to have the King County water and land resources division assist in preparing a basin plan by providing staff and expertise under the direction of a cross-jurisdictional management team, and

WHEREAS, preparation of a basin plan in the Miller and Salmon Creek basins is time sensitive due to the listing of salmonids under the Endangered Species Act and to address impacts to public and private property caused by surface water problems, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the jurisdictions are each authorized to enter into an agreement for cooperative action;

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

The county executive is hereby authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement in substantially the same form as attached to this motion as Attachment A with the parties to prepare a basin plan for the Miller and Salmon Creek basins provided that if the city of Normandy Park declines to enter into this interlocal agreement within 60 days, the county executive is authorized to execute an amendment to Section IV (Responsibilities) and Section V (Costs) of this interlocal agreement. The county executive is encouraged to continue negotiations with the city of Normandy Park to join the basin planning process. Should the city of Normandy Park enter into this interlocal agreement, the city's cost shall not exceed \$34,334.