



Legislation Text

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A MOTION confirming an annual reporting process on the status of conservation futures-funded projects, including the status of uncompleted conservation futures projects that have extended beyond two years of their authorization date with unexpended fund balances, and criteria for recommending the disappropriation of funds from uncompleted projects, or the reallocation of funds to previously approved projects with funding shortfalls, or to new projects.

WHEREAS, by Motion 11439 request number "2" the King County council requested the conservation futures citizens committee to make a recommendation regarding an annual project status report and criteria for reallocation of funds from certain uncompleted projects to previously approved projects or to new projects, and

WHEREAS, the conservation futures citizens committee has met in the fall of 2002 and forwarded such a recommendation by letter dated November 22, 2002, to the executive and council;

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

Annual project reporting process: The conservation futures citizens committee will request project progress information from jurisdictions by December 31 of each year and jurisdictions will furnish their reports to the committee by January 31. Any jurisdiction with a funded conservation futures project that has not been completed within twenty-four months of its original creation shall be required in its annual report to request a either one-year extension, a project scope change, or project abandonment. The citizens committee will meet annually in March to discuss recommendations for such uncompleted projects and may recommend a twelve-month extension, a project scope change, or project abandonment for such projects. Recommendations

regarding uncompleted projects will be included in the in the citizen committee's annual project progress report, which the committee will forward to the King County council and executive by March 31 of each year.

Criteria for recommending the disappropriation of funds from uncompleted projects or the reallocation of funds from uncompleted to previously approved projects with funding shortfalls or to new projects: The citizen committee may recommend the reallocation of conservation futures funds for projects not fully completed after two years of project creation by King County if the jurisdiction has not demonstrated a significant likelihood of success. The criteria for such project fund reallocation recommendations include: no property interests have been acquired; if the project is partially completed, the remainder of the project is unlikely to be completed; or, if the project is completed under the proposed budget. The committee will include in its recommendation factors that could cause the above situations that may include: landowner or landowners unwillingness to sell property at jurisdiction's offer price; a jurisdiction being unwilling to meet a landowner offer price; a jurisdiction being unwilling to obtain matching funds; unforeseen community resistance to a project; or other unforeseen obstacles to the project that the committee determines makes project completion impractical. As an alternative to project fund reallocation, the committee may recommend a twelve-month project extension if the jurisdiction has provided sufficient explanation regarding how the project will likely be completed.

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