



Legislation Text

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A MOTION relating to the transfer of surface water management moneys to the capital improvement program of the water and land resources division.

WHEREAS, the surface water management fee is a service charge that covers the costs to the King County water and land resources division of carrying out a broad number of activities and services related to surface water runoff and water quality protection, and

WHEREAS, the water and land resources division has a long-standing, though unadopted, policy goal of allocating approximately thirty percent of surface water management fee revenue to its capital improvement program, and

WHEREAS, the amount of funding generated by the surface water management fee has, and will continue to be, reduced by annexations of unincorporated areas by cities, and

WHEREAS, the reduction in surface water management fee revenues increases pressures to reduce allocations towards capital improvement projects, and

WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control District, a separate special purpose district, has established a subregional opportunity fund, and

WHEREAS, the subregional opportunity fund designates ten percent of the flood control district levy proceeds for use by local jurisdictions towards capital projects that are not identified in the ten-year flood control district capital program, but that alleviate local flooding or stormwater drainage problems, and

WHEREAS, the water and land resources division, with flood control district approval, allocates the county portion of the subregional opportunity fund to stormwater capital improvement programs, and

WHEREAS, the subregional opportunity fund is a separate funding source for local surface water and flood improvement projects and is not intended as substitute for surface water management moneys for stormwater capital improvement projects, and

WHEREAS, the council considers stormwater capital improvement projects as a high priority and intends to continue implementing the long-standing policy goal of allocating approximately thirty percent of surface water management moneys to the stormwater capital improvement program of the water and land resources division;

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

The council hereby supports and adopts the policy goal of allocating approximately thirty percent of moneys generated by the annual surface water

management fee to stormwater capital improvement projects undertaken by the water and land resources division, or its successor.

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