



Legislation Text

File #: 2009-0465, **Version:** 2

Clerk 09/25/2009

A MOTION accepting a report by the parks and recreation division in the department of natural resources and parks on the feasibility of implementing recycling and solar powered trash compaction in the King County parks system, as required in the 2009 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 16312, Section 88, Proviso P4.

WHEREAS, King County's parks system consists of the regional trail system, natural area parks and active parks, and

WHEREAS, current waste collection represents one aspect of the maintenance staff activities and emptying trash cans is a relatively small aspect of the division's operation, and

WHEREAS, in the King County parks system, maintenance routines have long been tracked and streamlined and the emptying of waste receptacles is one task among many that the maintenance staff perform, and

WHEREAS, the division performed a thorough evaluation of the potential for using a solar powered compaction system in the regional trail system, natural area parks and active park sites, and

WHEREAS, King County seeks to maximize environmental, economic and efficiency benefits when emptying waste receptacles in the parks system, and

WHEREAS, the division explored partnership and advertising opportunities that would make solar compaction implementation cost-effective, and

WHEREAS, the division has successfully developed and implemented public-private partnerships

through the community partnerships and grants program and worked with corporate partners to bring in revenue, and

WHEREAS, the division developed a successful public-private volunteer program to educate and increase recycling at the concert series at Marymoor park without incurring additional maintenance or capital costs, and

WHEREAS, capital funds to purchase new compaction units would have to come from reducing or eliminating projects, and

WHEREAS, a proviso in the 2009 adopted budget requires acceptance by motion of a report addressing the feasibility of implementing recycling and solar powered trash compaction in King County parks;

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

The report describing the status addressing the feasibility of implementing recycling and solar powered trash compaction in King County parks, is hereby accepted.