



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI

SECOND ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2020 AT 9.30 A.M.

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers (as listed in the appendices)
6. Notices of Motion (as listed in the appendices)
7. Statements
8. **MOTION-REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ON THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW REPORT FY 2018/19 AND COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW AND OUTLOOK PAPER 2019.**

(Chairperson- Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations)

That the House adopts the Report of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the County Governments Budget Implementation Review Report FY 2018/19 and County Budget Review and Outlook Paper 2019.

9. **MOTION-UPROOTING OF EUCALYPTUS AND CYPRUS TREES ALONG WATER CATCHMENT AREAS.**

(Hon. Gitari Margaret Mukwanjeru, MCA Chogoria Ward)

AWARE THAT; under sub-section 10, part 2 of the fourth Schedule of the Kenya Constitution 2010 the County Governments are mandated among others to implement specific national government policies on natural resources and environmental conservation including soil and water conservation and forestry;

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NOTING THAT; Eucalyptus is well-known as an effective reforestation tree species, due to its fast growth and high adaptability to various environments it has been planted along main rivers in the upper zones of Tharaka Nithi County.

CONCERNED THAT; the planting of Eucalyptus trees along the rivers has negative effects on the local environment such as inducing soil degradation and decline of ground water level. Research shows that a single eucalyptus tree may consume up to a 100 liters of water in a day while some eucalyptus species, e.g. Robusta, have been used for draining water-logged areas.

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT; failure to take adequate action to curb the drying of rivers and streams in the lower zone will lead to conflicts as people fight for the scarce and dwindling water resource;

COGNIZANT THAT; the Department of Environment and Natural resources has budgetary allocation to conserve and protect our environment for future generations;

NOW THEREFORE; the County Assembly urges the Department of Environment to collaborate with the National Environment Management Authority and the Kenya forest Services to;

- i. Remove/uproot the eucalyptus trees along rivers, streams, water catchment areas and riparian land across the County.
- ii. Ensure that in an effort to boost water flow in all catchment areas bamboo and indigenous trees are planted while minimizing human disturbance to boost natural regeneration of native species.

APPENDICES

PAPERS

Report of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the County Governments Budget Implementation Review Report FY 2018/19 and County Budget Review and Outlook Paper 2019.

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3. MOTION- LOCUST INVASION IN THE THARAKA NITHI COUNTY.

(Hon. Wilson Nyaga, MCA)

THAT AWARE; that Article 42 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 envisions a country where every person has a right to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations through legislative and other measures;

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COGNIZANT; that part 2 of the fourth schedule of the constitution of Kenya 2010 gives county governments functions and powers over Agriculture which is the key sector and a source of income and livelihood for the greater percentage of population of Kenya;

CONCERNED; Locust invasion is a catastrophe that has affected the Country and other Nations like Ethiopia and Somalia and that locusts are considered to be one of the most dangerous flying pests by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), as its ability to fly long distances allows it to migrate quickly;

DEEPLY CONCERNED; that the Lower parts Tharaka Nithi County have severely been hit by the locust invasion which has led to destruction of acres of farm crops that may lead to food scarcity in the County;

NOW THEREFORE; the County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi urges the County Government through the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Agriculture, Livestock, Veterinary Services, Fisheries Development, Industry and Cooperative in consultation with the National government to undertake rapid measures in eradicating, controlling and preventing further invasion of the locusts.

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