



## RESOLUTION NO. 41727

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Department of Public Utilities, Water Division,  
2 authorizing the execution of a interlocal agreement with King County, in  
3 the amount of \$1,914,510, and accepting and depositing said sum into  
4 the Water Fund, and authorizing matching funds in the amount of  
5 \$638,170, budgeted from the Water Fund, for a cumulative total of  
6 \$2,552,680, to purchase approximately 600 acres within the Green River  
7 Municipal Watershed in King County to further protect the high-quality  
8 drinking water source and reduce the financial impact to customers.

9 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Water  
10 Division (d.b.a. "Tacoma Water"), was awarded a grant in the amount of  
11 \$1,914,510, from the King County Conservation Futures Tax ("CFT") Levy Grant  
12 Program, for the purchase of approximately 600 acres within the Green River  
13 Municipal Watershed in King County to further protect the high-quality drinking  
14 water source and reduce the financial impact to customers, and

15 WHEREAS the Green River Watershed is the source of high-quality  
16 drinking water for nearly one million downstream residents and it retains some  
17 of the last and best salmonid habitat in King County, and

18 WHEREAS Tacoma Water has been working to strategically acquire land  
19 in the watershed as part its Watershed Management Plan under the 2018 Water  
20 System Plan (SD 5, Measurement 2. Adherence to Watershed Management  
21 Plan), and

22 WHEREAS acquiring these lands improves source water protection and  
23 control, and  
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WHEREAS to reduce the financial impact of land acquisition on  
1 ratepayers, Tacoma Water applied for and was awarded funds available through  
2 King County's CFT Levy Grant Program in the amount of \$1,914,510, and

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4 WHEREAS the CFT funds are reimbursable and require a 25 percent  
5 match from Tacoma Water in the amount of \$638,170, budgeted from the  
6 Water Fund, and

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8 WHEREAS Tacoma Water will pay the full purchase price up front and  
9 be reimbursed with the CFT Funds, thereby allowing Tacoma Water to acquire  
10 approximately 600 acres of strategically important forest lands at a substantially  
11 reduced cost, and

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13 WHEREAS Section 4.11 of the Tacoma City Charter requires that all  
14 matters relating to the "incurring of indebtedness . . . shall be initiated by the  
15 Board, subject to approval by the Council, and executed by the Board," prior to  
16 acceptance of the Agreement, and

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18 WHEREAS, by adoption of Public Utility Board Resolution No. U-11545  
19 on July 23, 2025, the proposed agreement was approved, pending confirmation  
20 from the City Council; Now, Therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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24 Section 1. That the request of the Department of Public Utilities,  
25 Water Division (d.b.a. "Tacoma Water") to enter into an interlocal agreement  
26 with King County, in the amount of \$1,914,510, and accepting and depositing  
said sum into the Water Fund; and authorizing matching funds in the amount of  
\$638,170, budgeted from the Water Fund, for a cumulative total of \$2,552,680,



to purchase approximately 600 acres within the Green River Municipal  
Watershed in King County to further protect the high-quality drinking water  
source and reduce the financial impact to customers is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City of Tacoma are authorized  
to execute said agreement substantially in a form on file with the City Clerk and  
as approved by the City Attorney's Office.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Chief Deputy City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board  
Resolution No. U-11545