



RESOLUTION NO. 41860

1 A RESOLUTION relating to Department of Public Utilities, Water Division
2 (d.b.a. "Tacoma Water"); authorizing the execution the 2026-2035 Water
3 Supply Forum Interlocal Agreement with various agencies that includes
4 certain annual funding obligations for Tacoma Water.

5 WHEREAS the Water Supply Forum ("Forum") has served as a lead entity
6 for regional drinking water suppliers, purveyors, and associations in the Puget
7 Sound Region since 1999, and it is responsible for coordinating and collaborating
8 on current and future water supply and water resource items and projects of mutual
9 interest and benefit to the residents of King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties, and

10 WHEREAS the residents of the City, and throughout our service territory,
11 benefit from regional collaboration on current and future water supply and water
12 resource items, and the Forum has engaged in projects and actions to collectively
13 further items such as, but not limited to, water supply planning, resiliency including
14 seismic, water quality, water conservation, education, and outreach, and

15 WHEREAS the Department of Public Utilities, Water Division (d.b.a.
16 "Tacoma Water"), is a founding member of the Forum and serves as the Forum
17 Funding Administrator, and

18 WHEREAS the Forum is governed by a Steering Committee that includes
19 the regional members of the City of Seattle, City of Everett, City of Tacoma, and
20 Cascade Water Alliance, and individual water utilities, other associations, and
21 counties also make up the Forum as fee members, and
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1 WHEREAS the Forum formerly operated as an informal association under a
2 Memorandum of Understanding and funding agreements, and in 2025 Forum
3 members determined that an Interlocal Agreement ("ILA") is the most appropriate
4 vehicle to continue collaborating, and
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6 WHEREAS because the existing fund balance was sufficient to cover
7 operating costs, the Forum has not collected dues since 2020; prior to that, dues
8 averaged \$50,000 annually, and it is anticipated that the fund balance will continue
9 to be sufficient for the next several years, however, dues estimated at less than
10 \$500,000 may need to be collected within the duration of this agreement, and
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12 WHEREAS, Tacoma Water's obligation to fund a proportionate share of the
13 annual dues necessary to support the Forum's annual work plan and budget during
14 the 2026-2035 period is anticipated to be approximately 25 percent of the approved
15 operating budget for such years, and
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17 WHEREAS the Forum has proven to be a valuable opportunity for Tacoma
18 Water for over two decades, and each year Tacoma Water reviews the Forum work
19 plan and budget, and Staff recommends approval of the proposed ILA between the
20 City and the Water Supply Forum; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the request of the Department of Public Utilities, Water Division (d.b.a. "Tacoma Water") to enter into an interlocal agreement with various agencies that includes certain annual funding obligations, for participation in the 2026-2035 Water Supply Forum, 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 _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney