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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution - Puget Sound Clean Water Alliance Interlocal Agreement - May 18, 2021
DATE: April 20, 2021

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing the execution of the Puget Sound Clean Water Alliance interlocal agreement between the City of Everett and the City of Tacoma (“Originating Members”) and additional member agencies joining the agreement (“New Members”), in the amount of \$68,000 for the first year and \$25,000 annually, through December 31, 2025, with the option to renew for an additional 5-year term, budgeted from the ES Wastewater Fund 4300, to create an alliance to jointly address water quality issues in the Puget Sound.

BACKGROUND:

This Department’s Recommendation is Based On: Water quality issues in the Puget Sound require a collaborative approach. The Puget Sound Clean Water Alliance members have a mutual interest in addressing present and future Puget Sound water quality issues. Significant scientific investigation is necessary to assess the health of the Puget Sound ecosystem and the impacts of various forces on water quality. Consolidating efforts of the various entities around the Puget Sound is more effective and efficient than pursuing such activities, projects, and scientific investigations independently. An administrative cost-sharing mechanism is needed to identify mutually beneficial tasks and equitably and predictably spread the expenses of tasks across the affected parties.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

City staff has worked extensively with neighboring jurisdiction to create a framework for collaborative action. This agreement will allow the parties to work together to address water quality issues in the Puget Sound.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

Environmental Services seeks City Council approval to establish a multi-jurisdictional alliance to address water quality issues in the Puget Sound. This legislation will benefit the City of Tacoma as a whole, along with neighboring municipalities, by providing a mechanism for collaborative action to protect the Puget Sound.

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* Very Low Opportunity

Increase positive public perception related to the Tacoma economy.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Choose an item.



Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

Establishing a multi-jurisdiction alliance to address water quality issues will provide a framework to develop and implement strategies to effectively and efficiently protect the Puget Sound. The Puget Sound is a signature resource of the City of Tacoma and a healthy Sound greatly improves the livability of the City of Tacoma.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
Not enter into an agreement with other municipalities to form a collaborative group to protect the Puget Sound.	Other entities may step forward to support this important task saving the City some expense.	The municipalities in the region will work independently and there will be duplications and inefficiency, and some work may not get done.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

The agreement has provision for the dissolution of the organization should it prove to be ineffective or otherwise fail to fulfill its promise or purpose.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Environmental Services recommends authorizing the execution of the Puget Sound Clean Water Alliance interlocal agreement to create an alliance to jointly address water quality issues in the Puget Sound.



FISCAL IMPACT:

This interlocal agreement (ILA) is budgeted in the amount of \$68,000 to establish the Puget Sound Clean Water Alliance. Several municipalities across the Puget Sound have expressed interest in this project and this ILA will allow other municipalities to participate and in turn reimburse the City of Tacoma for the initial expenditure to establish the Salish Sea Modeling Center.

Fund Number & Name	COST (CC/WBS/ORDER)	OBJECT	Cost Element	Total Amount
1.ES Wastewater Fund 4300	523430		5310100	\$68,000.00
TOTAL				\$68,000.00

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

The expenses associated with this project are supported by rates collected in ES Wastewater Fund 4300.

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium’s current budget?

YES

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

YES

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

YES

Will the legislation change the City’s FTE/personnel counts?

NO

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Puget Sound Clean Water Alliance Interlocal Agreement