



RESOLUTION NO. 40644

1 A RESOLUTION relating to storm pond maintenance; authorizing the execution of
2 an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington State Department of Fish and
3 Wildlife, Noxious Weed Program, in the total amount of \$300,000 over a
4 five-year period, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for the treatment
of nuisance weeds in the Regional Flett Stormwater Ponds located within
the Mountain View Cemetery.

5 WHEREAS the Flett Stormwater Ponds receive runoff from over 7,000 acres
6 within the City, and act to slow down and retain runoff during storm events,
7 preventing upstream flooding, downstream erosion, and habitat degradation, and
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9 WHEREAS nuisance weeds block intake screens of the Flett Creek pump
10 station, and removal of these aquatic plants will reduce the flood risk to the
11 Mountain View Cemetery and upstream properties; reduce risk to maintenance
12 workers who clear blocked intake screens by hand; and prevent the spread of
13 these weeds to downstream habitats, including the Flett Wetland and Flett Creek,
14 a fish-bearing tributary of Chambers Creek and a key habitat for local fisheries,
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17 WHEREAS the Environmental Services ("ES") Department is recommending
18 the execution of an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of
19 Fish and Wildlife in the maximum amount of \$60,000 per year, for a total of
20 \$300,000 over a five-year period, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for
21 annual aquatic plant and algae maintenance services in the Regional Flett
22 Stormwater Ponds located within the Mountain View Cemetery, and
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WHEREAS herbicide application will provide five years of direct control, an additional four to six years post-control, will act on plant roots, and is significantly lower in cost than mechanical harvesting and dredging, and

WHEREAS the NPDES Aquatic Plant and Algae General Permit allows annual herbicide treatment of 60 percent of the surface area of the ponds, and aerial video will be obtained prior to and six to eight weeks following treatment, and

WHEREAS evaluation criteria will include post-application extent of nuisance plants, evidence of nuisance plants regrowth, native plant establishment, and occurrence of algae blooms, and

WHEREAS the state Department of Fish and Wildlife is ideally suited for this work, as the application team has intimate knowledge of sensitive aquatic species, experience working in critical aquatic habitats, and a favorable relationship with the state Department of Ecology, and

WHEREAS ES staff is recommending execution of the proposed interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife for the purpose of establishing a maintenance contract for storm pond maintenance for localized flood control; Now, Therefore,

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

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Noxious Weed Program, in the amount of \$300,000 over a five-year period, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for the treatment of nuisance weeds in the



1 Regional Flett Stormwater Ponds, located within Mountain View Cemetery, said
2 interlocal agreement to be substantially in the form of the document on file in the
3 office of the City Clerk.
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8 Mayor

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11 City Clerk

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14 Chief Deputy City Attorney
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