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SUBJECT: Resolution – Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Port of Tacoma
Regarding Ongoing Rights and Obligations at Julia's Gulch – August 19
DATE: July 29, 2014

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this Resolution is to clarify and update ongoing rights and obligations between the City of Tacoma and the Port of Tacoma regarding that piece of jointly owned land known as Julia's Gulch (property). The City and the Port currently have an agreement dated January 3, 2008 regarding the management of the property.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

This agreement, if approved, will assist with the following strategic policy priorities:

- Foster neighborhood, community, and economic development vitality and sustainability.
- Encourage and promote an open, effective, results-oriented organization.

BACKGROUND:

Environmental Services, the property manager for the City, has contracted with Metro Parks to facilitate expanded public access and recreational use of the property. The Port of Tacoma, the joint property owner with the City, is supportive of this expanded public use but wants the City to take responsibility for any increased liability; the Port contributed most of the property acquisition cost. An Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) has been prepared by City and Port staff, an Agreement that further defines the rights and responsibilities of the parties.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether or not the City should support the expanded public use of Julia's Gulch by executing the ILA with the Port .

ALTERNATIVES:

The City could seek to negotiate an Agreement that explicitly shares the liability for the expanded public use of Julia's Gulch.

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is that the Agreement be approved and executed .

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact