



RESOLUTION NO. 40092

1 A RESOLUTION relating to surface water management; authorizing the execution
2 of an agreement with the Department of Ecology, Washington Conservation
3 Corps, for the period of October 1, 2018, through September 8, 2019, in the
4 amount of \$482,650, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, to assist in the
maintenance and restoration of the City's habitat restoration sites and
passive open spaces.

5 WHEREAS proper stewardship of the City's passive open spaces requires
6 a routine presence for invasive species control, debris removal, and native plant
7 maintenance, and

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9 WHEREAS the Environmental Services ("ES") Department has begun
10 restoration and stewardship activities on City-owned passive open space
11 properties to retain and increase surface water benefits, and

12 WHEREAS examples of restoration efforts include the creation and
13 implementation of the Schuster Slope, Mason Gulch, and Salmon Beach Slope
14 landscape management plans, as well as obligations under the Foss Waterway
15 and Commencement Bay Natural Resources Damage Assessment Consent
16 Decrees, and

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18 WHEREAS the Department of Ecology ("Ecology"), Washington
19 Conservation Corps ("WCC") program is an AmeriCorps program administered
20 by Ecology which provides young adults between the ages 18 and 25 job and life
21 skills, as well as an educational stipend of \$5,815 at program completion, and

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23 WHEREAS the WCC is authorized under chapter 43.220 RCW to enter
24 into partnership agreements with local governments to carry out conservation
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corps programs that meet goals associated with the protection, promotion,
1 enhancement or rehabilitation of public lands, and

2 WHEREAS WCC crews perform year-round maintenance activities such
3 as the removal of debris and invasive plants, and assistance in habitat
4 monitoring, restoration, and maintenance of the Urban Forestry plant holding
5 facility, and
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7 WHEREAS the City desires to sponsor two WCC crews, with an optional
8 third crew for up to 16 weeks, based on availability, for the 2018-2019 crew
9 year, for the period of October 1, 2018, through September 8, 2019, at the rate
10 of \$202,125 per crew, with the option to sponsor a third crew for up to 16 weeks,
11 totaling \$482,650, budgeted from the ES Surface Water Fund, and
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13 WHEREAS the City has sponsored WCC crews for over 15 years, which
14 has allowed for environmental maintenance and improvements in a cost-
15 effective manner; Now, Therefore,
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17 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:**

18 That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an
19 agreement with the Department of Ecology, Washington Conservation Corps,
20 for the period of October 1, 2018, through September 8, 2019, in the amount of
21 \$482,650, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, to assist in the maintenance
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and restoration of the City's habitat restoration sites and passive open spaces,
said document to be substantially in the form of the agreement on file in the
office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney