



RESOLUTION NO. 40435

1 A RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an interagency agreement with the
2 Washington State Department of Ecology, in an amount not to exceed
3 \$426,400, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, to assist in the
4 maintenance and restoration of the City's habitat restoration sites and
passive open spaces, beginning October 7, 2019 through September 10,
2020.

5 WHEREAS the City participates in the Washington Conservation Corps
6 ("WCC") program, which is an AmeriCorps program administered by the
7 Washington State Department of Ecology ("Ecology") that provides young adults
8 with job and life skills, and an educational stipend at program completion, and
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10 WHEREAS, WCC provides knowledgeable and skilled crews to restore and
11 maintain passive open spaces, which require a routine presence for invasive
12 species control, debris removal, and native plant installation and maintenance, and
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14 WHEREAS the City's Environmental Services Department ("ES") has begun
15 restoration and stewardship activities on City-owned passive open space
16 properties to retain and increase surface water benefits, and
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18 WHEREAS invasive vegetation currently threatens the ecosystem health of
19 the City's open spaces, and examples of passive open space restoration efforts
20 include the creation and implementation of the Schuster Slope, Mason Gulch, and
21 Salmon Beach Slope landscape management plans, and
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23 WHEREAS the City has sponsored a WCC for 18 years, which has allowed
24 the City to provide environmental maintenance and improvements in a cost
25 effective manner, and
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WHEREAS Ecology has allocated two WCC crews to the ES for the 2019-2020 crew year, at a cost of \$213,200 per crew per year, for a total of \$426,400;

Now, Therefore,

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

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to enter into an interagency agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology, in an amount not to exceed \$426,400, to assist in the maintenance and restoration of the City's habitat restoration sites and passive open spaces, beginning October 7, 2019 through September 10, 2020.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney