



## Board Action Memorandum

**TO:** Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities  
**COPY:** Charleen Jacobs, Director and Board Offices  
**FROM:** Keri Burchard-Juarez, Water Superintendent  
**MEETING DATE:** July 23, 2025  
**DATE:** July 7, 2025

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### **GUIDING PRINCIPLE ALIGNMENT (select as many that apply):**

Please indicate which of the Public Utility Board's Guiding Principle(s) is supported by this action.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> GP1 – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP7 – Reliability & Resiliency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GP2 – Financial Sustainability                | <input type="checkbox"/> GP9 – Economic Development                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GP3 – Rates                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> GP10 – Government Relations               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP4 – Stakeholder Engagement       | <input type="checkbox"/> GP12 – Employee Relations                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP5 – Environmental Sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> GP13 – Customer Service                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP6 – Innovation                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GP14 – Resource Planning       |

### **SUMMARY:**

Tacoma Water is looking for Public Utility Board and City Council support to renew an interlocal cooperation agreement between multiple county and city governments and other interested public agencies and tribes within the geographic planning area of the Water Resource Inventory Area 9 ("WRIA 9")(collectively, the "WRIA 9 Agreement"). The WRIA 9 Agreement supports long-term watershed planning for the Green River, Duwamish River and Central Puget Sound Watersheds. The proposed WRIA 9 Agreement obligates Tacoma Water to provide \$26,514 annually to support the long-term watershed-based planning during the period of 2026-2035.

### **BACKGROUND:**

WRIA 9 serves as a lead entity for salmon recovery under the State of Washington's watershed-based framework for salmon recovery established under RCW 77.85. It is a watershed-based organization comprised of local, state and federal partners, non-profit organizations, business interests, and citizens. WRIA 9 is mandated to create a list of habitat projects, establish priorities for individual projects, define the sequence for project implementation, and submit these activities as the habitat project list. The committee also identifies potential federal, state, local, and private funding sources.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> interlocal cooperation agreement between multiple counties and cities of King and Pierce Counties and other interested public agencies and tribes and marks 25 years of advancing salmon recovery efforts in the watersheds of the Green River, Duwamish River & Central Puget Sound.



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**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes**

IF THE ACTION REQUESTED IS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT, INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$200,000 INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO DIRECTOR? No

**ATTACHMENTS:** WRIA 9 Agreement  
Exhibit A – 2025 WRIA Based Cost Share: WRIA9

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