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SUBJECT: Wastewater and Stormwater Comprehensive Plans Update
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PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Environmental Services staff will present an overview of the ongoing work to develop the Wastewater Comprehensive Plan and the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan. These Plans will guide future decision-making for the Wastewater and Stormwater Utilities.

BACKGROUND:

The Wastewater and Surface Water utilities face the challenge of meeting the needs of future growth, protecting water quality and ecosystem functions, and adapting to climate change while maintaining resilient infrastructure at affordable rates for our community.

To meet these challenges, the utilities have been working on the process of developing long-range plans and tools to help guide decision-making related to future investments by the utilities.

The intended outcome of the Plans include:

- Strategically prioritized wastewater and stormwater investments
- Improve water quality and ecosystem functions
- Plan for population growth
- Improve infrastructure sustainability and resiliency
- Ensure equity and inclusion in our decision-making processes
- Ensure affordable rates

ISSUE:

To meet the needs of the future we need to begin planning today. Both the Wastewater Comprehensive Plan and the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan will guide the Environmental Services Department's actions to support healthy neighborhoods and a thriving Puget Sound, leaving a better Tacoma for all.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.