City of Tacoma **Standing Committee Memorandum**

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SUBJECT: Ordinance to Adopt the 2026 Stormwater Management Manual
DATE: May 13, 2026

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:
An ordinance is being proposed to adopt the updated City of Tacoma Stormwater Management Manual (SWMM) providing policy and design requirements for stormwater management in Tacoma in compliance with the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater permit and amending Chapter 12.08D of the Tacoma Municipal Code to reflect SWMM updates. We request this Committee supports the adoption of the updated manual.

BACKGROUND:
On August 1, 2024, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued the 2024-2029 Municipal Stormwater Permit to all Phase I Municipalities including the City of Tacoma. The permit requires the City to update our Stormwater Management Manual by July 1, 2026, to be equivalent to Ecology's 2024 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington.

ISSUE:
The updates to the stormwater manual provide additional clarity for stormwater management requirements for new development, redevelopment and construction projects throughout the city.

ALTERNATIVES:
This is an informational briefing only. No alternatives are being presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:
This is an informational briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:
This is an informational briefing only. No recommendation is being made.