

City of Tacoma

Standing Committee Memorandum

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# PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

### SUMMARY:

This is the first of two informational presentations regarding the next biennium proposed budgets and revenue increases for the Environmental Services utilities: Wastewater, Surface Water, and Solid Waste. The second presentation is scheduled for September 18, 2018, and will include more detailed budget and rate information.

## BACKGROUND:

The development of the utilities' budgets is in concert with the Office of Management and Budget's processes and schedule. Rate models are used to ensure the balancing of required revenues, operating and capital costs, debt service, and taxes to ensure the financial policies and bond covenants are met regarding cash balances and debt service coverages.

#### **ISSUE:**

Incorporated into the budget development process are requests from the City Council, City Manager and input from the Environmental Services Commission, representing business, residential, and other constituencies. Some of the significant factors potentially affecting future revenue requirements include on-going funding of capital investments in Surface Water and Wastewater, and the impact on Solid Waste from changes in the recyclables markets.

## **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.