



Board Action Memorandum

TO: Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities
COPY: Charleen Jacobs, Director and Board Offices
FROM: Keri Burchard-Juarez, Water Superintendent
MEETING DATE: Requested Board Meeting Date
DATE: July 8, 2026

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.

- ☒ Customer and Community
- ☒ Resource Sustainability and Stewardship
- ☐ Employees and Culture

SUMMARY: Tacoma Water is looking for Public Utility Board and City Council support to amend an interlocal cooperation agreement between the City of Tacoma and King County necessary to receive up to \$150,000 in Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) Levy Grant funds. These funds reimburse Tacoma Water for 75% of the purchase of approximately 80 acres of forest land within the Green River Municipal Watershed in King County, WA to further protect our high-quality drinking water source and reduce the financial impact to our downstream customers.

BACKGROUND: Tacoma Water has been working to strategically acquire land in the watershed as part its Watershed Management Plan under the 2018 Water System Plan (SD 5, Measurement 2. Adherence to Watershed Management Plan). Acquiring these lands improves source water protection and control. To reduce the financial impact of land acquisition on our ratepayers, Tacoma Water applied for and was awarded funds available through King County's CFT Levy Grant Program up to \$150,000. The CFT Funds are reimbursable and require a 25% match from Tacoma Water in the amount of up to \$37,500. Tacoma Water paid the full purchase price up front and will be reimbursed with the CFT Funds. Therefore, Tacoma Water acquired approximately 80 acres of strategically important forest lands at a substantially reduced cost.

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF THE EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW IT IS TO BE COVERED.

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

ATTACHMENTS: Amendment to Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between City of Tacoma and King County

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