



RESOLUTION NO. 41960

1 A RESOLUTION relating to Department of Public Utilities, Water Division
2 (d.b.a. "Tacoma Water"); authorizing the execution of an amendment to
3 the interlocal agreement with King County, in the amount of \$112,500,
4 accepting and depositing said sum into the Water Fund; and authorizing
5 matching funds in the amount of \$37,500, budgeted from the Water
6 Fund, for a cumulative total of \$150,000, for approximately 80 acres of
7 forest land within the Green River Municipal Watershed in King County
8 to further protect the high-quality drinking water source and reduce the
9 financial impact to customers.

10 WHEREAS the Department of Public Utilities, Water Division's (d.b.a.
11 "Tacoma Water") mission is to provide clean and reliable drinking water as well
12 as provide natural resource stewardship, and leveraging grant funds to reduce
13 utility capital and operating costs helps keep rates stable for all retail customers
14 ensures Tacoma Water can continue to meet its mission long-term and ensure
15 safety and quality of life for the community it serves, and

16 WHEREAS the Green River Watershed ("Watershed") is the source of
17 high-quality drinking water for nearly one million downstream residents, and it
18 retains some of the last and best salmonid habitats in King County, and

19 WHEREAS Tacoma Water has been working to strategically acquire land in
20 the Watershed as part its Watershed Management Plan under the 2018 Water
21 System Plan (SD 5, Measurement 2. Adherence to Watershed Management Plan),
22 and acquiring these lands improves source water protection and control, and

23 WHEREAS Tacoma Water previously acquired approximately 80 acres of
24 forest land within the Watershed to further protect the high-quality drinking water
25 source, and
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1 WHEREAS to reduce the financial impact of this land acquisition on our
2 ratepayers, Tacoma Water applied for and was awarded funds available through
3 King County's Conservation Futures Tax ("CFT") Levy Grant Program up to
4 \$150,000, and the CFT funds are reimbursable and require a 25 percent match
5 from Tacoma Water in the amount of up to \$37,500, and
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7 WHEREAS Tacoma Water paid the full purchase price up front and will be
8 reimbursed with the CFT Funds, therefore, Tacoma Water will have acquired
9 approximately 80 acres of strategically important forest lands at a substantially
10 reduced cost, and
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12 WHEREAS Tacoma Water is seeking City Council support to amend the
13 interlocal cooperation agreement between the City and King County necessary to
14 receive up to \$150,000 in CFT Levy Grant funds, and these funds will reimburse
15 Tacoma Water for 75 percent of the purchase of approximately 80 acres of forest
16 land within the Watershed in King County, Washington; Now, Therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

19 Section 1. That the request of the Department of Public Utilities, Water
20 Division to amend the interlocal agreement with King County, in the amount of
21 \$112,500, accepting and depositing said sum into the Water Fund; and
22 authorizing matching funds in the amount of \$37,500, budgeted from the Water
23 Fund, for a cumulative total of \$150,000, for approximately 80 acres of forest
24 land within the Green River Municipal Watershed in King County, is hereby
25 approved.
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Section 2. That the proper officers of the City of Tacoma are authorized to execute said amendment to the interlocal agreement substantially in a form on file with the City Clerk, and as approved by the City Attorney's Office.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney