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TO: Environmental Services Commission

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SUBJECT: Storm and Surface Water System Plan Update

ACTION REQUIRED

This is an informational briefing on the Storm and Surface Water System Plan (SSWSP) update, no action is required.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

The Storm and Surface Water System Plan (Plan) will evaluate Bellevue's storm and surface water system, its management and operation, and overall system needs. The Plan will make recommendations for future actions to address changing conditions brought on by state and federal regulations and the growth associated with future development. The Plan will have a more detailed focus on the operations of the City's storm system, and it will build on and be consistent with the broader policies and vision of the City's 2044 Comprehensive Plan. The Storm and Surface Water System Plan was last updated in 2015.

POLICY ISSUES

Policies related to managing the Storm and Surface water system will be developed as part of the system planning and will support the City's Comprehensive Plan goals. Storm and Surface Water System policies will be developed by management and reviewed by the Environmental Services Commission in subsequent meetings that will occur in early 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact. Though, project and program recommendations and/or policy changes could result in future fiscal impacts. Recommendations for new capital investments and stormwater operations will be incorporated into future budget proposals.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. [Storm and Surface Water System Plan | City of Bellevue](#) (Current Storm and Surface Water System Plan)
- B. [Bellevue 2044 Comprehensive Plan - Utilities](#) (Utilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan)
- C. [Chap 24.06 Storm and Surface Water Utility Code](#) (Bellevue's Stormwater Utility Code)