

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution appointing a Board Member and an Alternate Board Member to the Cascade Water Alliance Board of Directors.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

Bellevue is a member of the Cascade Water Alliance (Cascade). Cascade's Joint Municipal Utility Services agreement requires that its members approve via resolution all appointments to the Cascade Board of Directors.

The proposed Resolution appoints Councilmember Dave Hamilton as the City's primary representative and Councilmember John Stokes as the City's alternate representative to the Cascade Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10381

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Cascade was formed in 1999 and provides water to the City of Bellevue and six other participating member jurisdictions. The other participating members include: Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond, Tukwila, the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, and the Skyway Water and Sewer District.

On March 28, 2012, the Bellevue City Council approved the Cascade Joint Municipal Utility Services Agreement (Agreement). Under Section 4.1 of this Agreement, Cascade is governed by a Board of Directors, "consisting of one individual representative appointed by Resolution by each of the Member's legislative authority." Additionally, Cascade members are free to appoint an alternate representative. Both the appointed representative and the alternate representative must be an elected official of the participating member.

In January 2024, Mayor Lynne Robinson recommended the City Council appoint Councilmember Dave Hamilton as the City's representative and Councilmember John Stokes as the City's alternate representative.

Bellevue comprises approximately 52 percent of the total water share supplied to Cascade members. Cascade's rules require that representatives of at least 50 percent of the water share be present at any meeting in order to establish a quorum. Consequently, Bellevue's representative or alternate is always required to attend Cascade Board of Director meetings to satisfy the quorum requirement and conduct Cascade business.

The proposed resolution formally appoints Councilmember Hamilton as the City’s representative and Councilmember Stokes as the City’s alternate representative.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue is a member of Cascade, an organization first formed in 1999 for the purpose of providing a water supply to meet the demands of its members. Cascade is governed by a Board of Directors, and each member’s primary representative and alternate representative must be appointed by resolution of the member’s legislative authority.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with implementing these changes.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution appointing a Board Member and an Alternate Board Member to the Cascade Water Alliance Board of Directors.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10381

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N/A