



DATE: January 9, 2025
TO: Environmental Services Commission
FROM: Chad Beck, Assistant Director, Operations & Maintenance
SUBJECT: Utilities Emergency Response – November 2024 Bomb Cyclone

ACTION REQUIRED

No action required.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

On the evening of November 19, the City of Bellevue experienced a ‘Bomb Cyclone’ weather event, resulting in sustained winds from the east in excess of 60 mph. This storm resulted in widespread power outages, fallen trees and other impacts to City infrastructure.

Within the hours that followed, personnel from Bellevue Utilities department mobilized to begin a days-long response operation to restore City Utilities and Transportation infrastructure to established service levels.

This presentation will highlight the emergency preparedness and response actions and capabilities of the Utilities Operations & Maintenance division—personnel across six different sections and all three piped utilities supported the response effort. We will detail how this storm affected City infrastructure, how City staff organized to respond, and what lessons were learned during and after the storm response.

POLICY ISSUES

There are no policy issues associated with this presentation. This presentation is for information only.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with implementing these changes.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

None.