

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC**

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

Lucy Liu, Director, 452-4445

Scott Edwards, Deputy Director, 452-2041

*Utilities Department*

Ella Williams, Intergovernmental Policy Advisor, 229-6521

*City Manager's Office*

**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 retains Councilmember David Hamilton as the City's primary representative and appoints Councilmember Vishal Bhargava as the City's alternate representative to the Cascade Board of Directors.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10519.

**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 primary representative and the alternate representative must be elected officials of the participating member.

In May, Councilmember John Stokes, who previously served as Bellevue's alternate representative to the Cascade Board of Directors, retired from the Bellevue City Council. Mayor Lynne Robinson recommended that the City Council appoint Councilmember Vishal Bhargava as Bellevue's alternate representative to the Cascade Board of Directors.

Bellevue comprises approximately 51 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 primary representative or alternate representative 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 primary representative and Councilmember Bhargava 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. 10519

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

N/A