

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing an addendum to the Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) for the Watershed Basins within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8, for the purposes of allowing the City of Everett to become a member with full rights and obligations under the Agreement.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed resolution authorizes an addendum to the current interlocal agreement, approving the City of Everett's participation in WRIA 8 as a cost share partner, which will readjust Bellevue's 2022 dues from \$63,713 to \$62,914.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10076

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**Background**

Under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), Puget Sound Chinook salmon are listed as a threatened species. In 2006, with the goal of addressing the ESA listing, Bellevue joined 27 other local governments in King and Snohomish Counties and signed an Interlocal Agreement for the Watershed Basins within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) . In 2016, the Bellevue City Council approved a renewal of the Agreement for another 10 years.

The Agreement established a regional governance structure and forum to address the ESA listing of Chinook salmon. The WRIA 8 partners developed a Salmon Recovery Plan to retain local control to identify watershed health issues and implement salmon habitat protection and restoration actions unique to the watershed in which the partners are located.

Councilmember Stokes represents Bellevue on the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) which oversees its salmon recovery efforts and is its current chair.

The City of Everett has requested to join WRIA 8 as a cost share partner, which would increase the number of participants to 29. This requires all current Agreement partners to approve an Addendum allowing Everett's participation as a cost share partner and adjusting each existing member's annual dues. If approved, Bellevue's 2022 dues would be adjusted from \$63,713 to \$62,914.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**Policy Impact**

Bellevue has a long history of support for Chinook salmon recovery efforts to maintain the region's quality of life and diversity of species that protect and preserve a healthy environment and economy.

The proposed Resolution is consistent with the following City Comprehensive Plan policies:

- EN-8 - Provide regional leadership on environmental issues that extend beyond the city's boundaries and require regional cooperation.
- EN-25 - Restore and protect the biological health and diversity of the Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish basins in Bellevue's jurisdiction.

Fiscal Impact

Agreement member dues are assessed based on population, assessed value and size of jurisdiction. Bellevue's 2022 dues will be reduced by \$799 from \$63,713 to \$62,914 if the proposed Resolution is approved.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing an addendum to the Interlocal Agreement (Agreement) for the Watershed Basins within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8, for the purposes of allowing the City of Everett to become a member with full rights and obligations under the Agreement.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

A. Addendum

Proposed Resolution No. 10076

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N/A