

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Bellevue Storm and Surface Water System Plan

FISCAL IMPACT

None

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Bellevue City Code:

BCC 24.06.065H directs the Utility to “*Prepare, revise as needed, recommend and implement a storm and surface water comprehensive plan for adoption by the city council* (Ord. 5905 **§** 1, 2009).”

Bellevue’s comprehensive drainage plan, now known as the Storm and Surface System Water Plan, evaluates the existing storm and surface water system and its operation, identifies future needs and develops an improvement plan to meet those needs. The plan was last updated in 1994. In 2012, a financial policy was adopted to assure regular updates of the Storm System Plan. The Storm System Plan includes policies and practices relevant to providing stormwater services.

City Comprehensive Plan Policies:

- Capital Facilities Element Goal: To provide adequate public facilities which: address past deficiencies and anticipate growth needs; achieve acceptable levels of service; use fiscal resources efficiently; and meet realistic timelines.
- Policy UT-22: Participate in regional watershed based efforts with the goals of achieving local watershed health and addressing Endangered Species Act issues, and strive to manage the city’s storm and surface water system within a system wide, watershed based context.
- Policy UT-23: Manage the storm and surface water system in Bellevue to maintain a hydrologic balance in order to prevent property damage, protect water quality, provide for the safety and enjoyment of citizens, and preserve and enhance habitat and sensitive areas.
- Policy UT-24: Enforce surface water controls to protect surface water quality.
- Policy UT-25: Educate the public on water quality issues.

Waterworks Utility Financial Policies:

Comprehensive Planning Policies: The Wastewater and Storm and Surface Water System Plans shall be updated as required by changed conditions or state statute, between every six to ten years.

DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL

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BACKGROUND

Bellevue’s Storm and Surface Water System Plan (Storm Plan) is an essential document that defines stormwater system policies, assesses the current state of the Utility’s assets and practices, and

establishes what will be needed to meet the City's storm and surface water needs over a 20-year planning horizon.

- Bellevue's most recent Storm Plan was adopted in 1994.
- Updating the Storm System Plan provides an opportunity to review operational system policies that affect:
 - Regulatory compliance.
 - Capital investments and asset management.
 - Activities for flood control, water quality, and aquatic habitat.
- This Storm System Plan will also focus on some specific areas of interest including:
 - An evaluation of the state of the built and natural stormwater systems.
 - A review of utility practices including system operations, asset management, and system maintenance.
 - An explanation of roles and responsibilities under the Phase II National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.
 - The identification of storm basin issues and needs.
 - The development of new initiatives to improve storm and surface water operations into the future.

The Storm Plan update also provides an opportunity for Council to provide input about how Bellevue should manage its stormwater system, to ensure protection from flooding, good water quality, and healthy aquatic life.

To that end, the attached draft Interest Statement now includes edits offered by Council when it was originally presented to Council on April 6. No additional proposed changes were received during the ensuing period. The Interest Statement reflects Bellevue's approach to providing stormwater services to the community.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Motion becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS

1. Affirm draft Interest Statement regarding Bellevue's stormwater management.
2. Do not affirm the Interest Statement, and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Affirm the Interest Statement.

MOTION

Move to approve the draft Council Interest Statement for the Storm and Surface Water System Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft Bellevue Council Interest Statement Storm.