



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: September 5, 2019

TO: Environmental Services Commission

FROM: Lucy Liu, Assistant Director – Resource Management & Customer Service

SUBJECT: Cascade Water Alliance’s Water System Seismic Resiliency Planning

Action Required at this Time

No action is required by the Commission. This is an informational briefing.

Fiscal Impact

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this informational briefing.

Background

The Cascade Water Alliance (Cascade) is Bellevue’s wholesale water provider. Cascade is a municipal corporation comprised of seven municipalities in the Puget Sound region that have joined together to provide safe, clean, reliable water supply to its members. Bellevue is Cascade’s largest member.

Recognizing that there is value in being proactive and collaborating regionally with respect to earthquake resiliency, Cascade has included \$200,000 annually in its 2019 and 2020 budgets for seismic resiliency efforts that would complement its members’ actions. Cascade recently conducted a workshop with its members, including Bellevue, to:

- Develop a shared understanding of the current earthquake resiliency plans and actions of Cascade members;
- Identify and prioritize appropriate uses for Cascade’s budgeted funding for regional earthquake resiliency efforts; and
- Develop high level work plans for the identified priorities.

On September 5, 2019, Melina Thung, Cascade’s Strategic Advisor, and Henry Chen, Cascade’s Engineering & Capital Projects Director, will provide the Commission with a summary of the outcomes from workshop and the next steps Cascade will take, in partnership with its members, to further develop and implement the work plans.