



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	April 24, 2025
Originating Department	Community Development
Contact Person	Mark Hofman, Community Development Director
Title	Resolution 25-2016/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Water Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA 8) Interlocal Agreement Renewal 2026-2035

Legislative History

- WRIA 8 Presentation, Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz – Committee of the Whole, March 24, 2025
 - Resolution Introduction – City Council Regular Meeting, April 24, 2025
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 25-2016
 2. Proposed WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement Renewal 2026-2035
 3. Current WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement 2016-2025
 4. WRIA 8 Geographical Exhibit
 5. WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council Interlocal Agreement Renewal Memo, January 16, 2025
 6. WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement 2025 Cost Share
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Executive Summary

This Resolution (**Attachment 1**) is to authorize the Mayor to sign the Water Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA 8) Interlocal Agreement renewal for 2026-2035 (**Attachment 2**). The existing 10-year WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement (**Attachment 3**), used to support watershed-based salmon recovery efforts, expires December 31, 2025. The Agreement provides a mechanism and governance structure for the joint funding, planning, and implementation of priority salmon recovery projects and programs. The Agreement and the memorandum of understanding between King County as WRIA 8 service provider and the Salmon Recovery Council (SRC) need to be renewed to continue the WRIA 8 salmon recovery effort.

Background

Since 2001, the City has been part of the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council through an Interlocal Agreement (ILA). WRIA 8 includes 29 jurisdictions located in King and Snohomish Counties, collaborating to implement the recommendations of the Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan. This Plan outlines actions to restore and protect salmon habitat. It is an approved plan that meets the federal Endangered Species Act requirements and supports the recovery of WRIA 8’s threatened Cedar River and Sammamish River Chinook salmon populations (**Attachment 4**). In 2015, the City renewed the ILA for ten years, extending it through 2025 (Resolution 1501 and Agreement No. AG-15-043).

The existing WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement is set to expire on December 31, 2025. Following a partner review period, the proposed interlocal agreement was approved at the January 2025 WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council meeting. The new agreement was drafted to avoid substantial changes and continues the cost share arrangement for participating jurisdictions.

According to a WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council Interlocal Agreement Renewal Memo, dated January 16, 2025 (**Attachment 5**), the current WRIA 8 ILA has served partner governments well and no major changes have been identified to the purpose, structure, or function of the Salmon Recovery Council or Management Committee. Therefore, the proposed ILA renewal largely reflects clerical edits and reorganization to improve clarity, reflect current practices, and make the ILA more concise. The renewed ILA will be effective by January 1, 2026, or when at least 9 jurisdictions representing at least 70% of the population of WRIA 8 have signed the ILA. Lake Forest Park’s Partner Cost Share for the 2025 budget is \$5,409, based on a formula considering population, assessed value and square miles. Please see the attached Cost Share Table (**Attachment 6**) for more information.

WRIA 8 staff are requesting to have the 2026-2035 renewal agreement fully executed by the end of September 2025. WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Manager, Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, gave an Interlocal Agreement Briefing to the city’s Committee of the Whole on March 24, 2025. Per the ILA, the City appoints one elected official to participate on the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council and attend subsequent meetings. The current appointed Council liaison, Councilmember Tracy Furutani, and staff will continue to provide updates to the City Council on the work implemented within the WRIA 8 area.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

The 2025 and 2026 cost share for the City to participate in WRIA 8 are contained in the adopted 2025/2026 Budget.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement Renewal for 2026-2035.	The City <u>will</u> continue to participate in WRIA 8 salmon recovery efforts as a member.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement Renewal for 2026-2035.	The City <u>will not</u> continue to participate in WRIA 8 salmon recovery efforts as a member.

Staff Recommendation

Authorize the Mayor to sign the WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement Renewal for 2026-2035.