

# CITY OF LYNDEN

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 20, 2020	
<b>Name of Agenda Item:</b>	Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WAWARN)	
<b>Section of Agenda:</b>	Consent	
<b>Department:</b>	Public Works	
<b>Council Committee Review:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	<b>Legal Review:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required	
<b>Attachments:</b>		
WAWARN Agreement		
<b>Summary Statement:</b>		
<p>The Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network allows water and wastewater systems to receive rapid mutual aid and assistance from other systems in an emergency. Utilities that enter into an agreement with WAWARN have the capability of sharing resources with any other system in Washington State that has also signed the agreement. WAWARN provides its members with emergency planning, response and recovery information before, during and after an emergency. As the nationwide WARN system expands, it will become easier to provide mutual aid to other states as needed. To get assistance, the WAWARN member needing help identifies the resources needed and can either directly contact another WAWARN member or use a state specific process of aid. Emergency requests can include equipment (pumps, generators, chlorinators, evacuators, etc.) or personnel (i.e. treatment plant operators).</p> <p>The WAWARN network includes 166 agencies from Washington State, including two in Whatcom County (Birch Bay Water and Sewer District and the City of Bellingham).</p> <p>Public Works staff is recommending that the City water and sewer utilities become a member of this organization to improved our resilience in case of an emergency.</p>		
<b>Recommended Action:</b>		
Approve the Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (WAWARN) agreement and authorize the Mayor's signature.		