



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6532
September 3, 2024
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6532: Ratification of Proclamation No. 344 Ending Local Emergencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Ratify Proclamation No. 344 ending the local emergencies issued by the City Manager on April 3, 2024 and May 1, 2024.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Manager
STAFF:	Jessi Bon, City Manager Bio Park, City Attorney Amanda Keverkamp, Emergency Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 344
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to obtain City Council ratification of Proclamation No. 344 (Exhibit 1) ending the declaration of emergencies from April and May 2024 related to impairments to Seattle Public Utilities’ (SPU) primary water supply pipeline to Mercer Island.

BACKGROUND

On April 3 and May 1, 2024, the City issued Proclamations No. [327](#) and No. [329](#), respectively, declaring local emergencies as a result of certain impairments to Seattle Public Utilities’ (SPU) primary water supply pipeline to Mercer Island, and constraints the repairs thereto caused on potable water supply and reserves on Mercer Island. The emergency declarations were necessary to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of Mercer Island, as well as continuity of government operations.

Given that the main water line was located in a challenging geographical area, it was reasonably expected that repairs would not be completed until late summer. While the City continued to receive water through the smaller backup water line, that supply would only be able to reliably provide approximately 2.73 million gallons to Mercer Island per day, well under normal summer use of 2.83 million gallons per day. In addition to

not being able to maintain enough water for daily water usage, City reservoirs must remain at or above 62% capacity to meet firefighting requirements.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

For 120 days, Mercer Island received water from the smaller backup supply line while emergency work to repair the leak in the main pipe was completed. During this time of reduced water supply, the Mercer Island community successfully conserved water, helping the City maintain adequate levels in the Island's reservoirs.

The City sincerely thanks residents and businesses for their hard work throughout this emergency.

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