



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: City Council
Meeting Date: March 18, 2024
From: Jenny Coker, Public Works Director
Subject: Revised IGA with Regional Water Providers Consortium

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Whether to authorize the City Manager to enter into a revised intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Water Providers Consortium.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

The [Regional Water Providers Consortium](#) (Consortium) IGA was first developed and adopted by individual members in 1996 to endorse the Regional Water Supply Plan and form the Consortium. Today, there are 25 members of the Consortium include the Cities of Beaverton, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Gladstone, Gresham, Hillsboro, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Newberg, Portland, Sandy, Scappoose, Sherwood, Tigard, Troutdale, Tualatin, Wilsonville, Clackamas River Water, Oak Lodge Water Services, Raleigh Water District, Rockwood Water PUD, South Fork Water Board, Sunrise Water Authority, Tualatin Valley Water District, and West Slope Water District.

The IGA was last updated and adopted in 2005. Since then, the organization has grown and evolved requiring a need to update the IGA. The Consortium and its members have conducted a thorough review and update of the Consortium IGA language. At its meeting on October 4, 2023, the Consortium Board unanimously approved the IGA with a recommendation that Consortium members' individual board, council, or commission approve the amended and restated IGA of the Regional Water Providers Consortium (2023). Currently, each voting member of the Consortium is a signatory to the IGA. The updated IGA will require all voting and non-voting member (participant) approval.

Each individual member board, council or commission must approve and sign the amended and restated IGA of the Regional Water Providers Consortium (2023) no later than June 30, 2024.

Summary of Changes in Revised IGA

- New and updated definitions added including types of members: "Associate Member" and "Full Member" and defines "Region."
- Removal of outdated Metro references from when the Consortium was formed.
- Update of purposes of Consortium to align with Mission Statement and Strategic Plan.
- Update of Participant language regarding "Associate Members."
- Update of withdrawal language to encourage timely notification.
- Update to dues language (primarily for "Associate Members").

- Added obligation and Board authority to maintain a Strategic Plan to guide its work and removed obligation to update Regional Water Supply Plan.
- Added language regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee.
- Update to language to reflect current best practices for agreements.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

The Consortium has been a valuable resource for the City for many years, providing water conservation, education and communication materials, as well as coordination and advisory capacity through their technical, conservation and emergency response committees. City staff participated in a regional emergency Table Top exercise “Curtailed your Enthusiasm” in June of 2022 that was instrumental in practicing for the Bull Run fire impacts that occurred in September 2023. Currently, Sandy Water Utility staff participate in all three committees.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Membership to the Consortium is a nominal fee based on the size of the utility where expenses are split amongst the members based on a formula, and are always included in the Water Utility budget. For example, Sandy’s Fiscal Year 2024 membership dues were \$8,822.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement of Regional Water Providers Consortium (2023).

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

“I move to authorize the City Manager to execute the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement of Regional Water Providers Consortium (2023).”

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

- Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement of Regional Water Providers Consortium (2023).