

Council Agenda Bill

AB Number

AB25-060

Agenda Bill Information

Title*

Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Interlocal Agreement Renewal

Action*

Motion

Council Agenda Section

Committee Report

Council Meeting Date*

05/12/2025

Staff Member

Philip Bennett

Department*

Public Works

Committee

Parks and Public Works

Committee Date

05/06/2025

Exhibits

Packet Attachments - if any

ExhibitA-2026-CostShares2025.pdf	156.77KB
ILA-WRIA7-2026-2035-FINAL.pdf	314.66KB
Memo-ILATransmittal-SnoqForumWRIA7.pdf	317.11KB
SummaryofChanges-ILA-SnoqWatershedForum-2026.pdf	147.5KB
Resolution - Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Interlocal Agreement 2026-2035.docx	30.85KB

Summary

Introduction*

Brief summary.

The Snoqualmie Watershed Forum interlocal agreement is up for renewal in 2026. The 2026-2035 Interlocal Agreement was developed with input from our staff, including our City Attorney, and from our Snoqualmie Watershed Forum representative, Councilmember Washington. Ongoing participation in the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum allows the City of Snoqualmie to address habitat restoration, flood hazard reduction, water quality and water quantity issues in the Snoqualmie river in collaboration with other parties to the interlocal agreement.

Proposed Motion

Move to approve the 2026-2035 interlocal agreement with the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum

Background/Overview*

What was done (legislative history, previous actions, ability to hyperlink)

The City of Snoqualmie has been a member of the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum ("the Forum") since 2001 and has been a party to the 2006-2010 interlocal agreement, a 2011-2015 extension and amendment to the interlocal agreement, and the 2016-2025 interlocal agreement. The Forum was created to provide a mechanism and governance structure for the protection and restoration of the health of the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish watersheds. Current members of the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum include: The cities of Snoqualmie, North Bend, Carnation, Duvall, the town of Skykomish, King County, and the Snoqualmie Tribe. These jurisdictions and other stakeholders work in coordination to address watershed-wide issues, including habitat restoration and protection, flood hazard reduction, surface and groundwater quality, and water quantity. This interlocal agreement continues the work of the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum from 2026-2035. The new agreement was developed in conjunction with all jurisdictions over a 6-month period in 2024. Although the new agreement takes effect in January 2026, our target date for signatures is by July 31st, 2025.

Analysis*

Participation in this agreement allows the City to coordinate and collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions on stewardship of natural resources in the Snoqualmie watershed. Part of the work of the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum is to set funding priorities for Water Resource Inventory Area 7, which includes the Snoqualmie river within Snoqualmie city limits and beyond. The City of Snoqualmie's participation is crucial to maintain the health, water quality, and water quantity of the Snoqualmie River for the benefit of our residents, and our neighbors.

Budgetary Status*

Funds have already been authorized in the current biennial budget.

Fiscal Impact

Amount of Expenditure	Amount Budgeted	Appropriation Requested
\$18,205.00	\$1,868,432.00	\$0.00

Budget Summary

Administration recommends approving the Forum ILA, obligating the City to spend \$8,905 in 2025 and an estimated \$9,300 in 2026. This agreement was budgeted for within the General Fund's Non-Departmental accounts (#001). The 2025-26 Biennial Budget appropriates \$1,868,432 for expenditures within Non-Departmental (#001). Currently, \$527,794 has been spent within the 2025-26 biennium and \$183,490 encumbered for other agreements. With the addition of this ILA, the remaining 2025-2026 Biennial Budget appropriation is \$1,138,943. Therefore, it appears that sufficient appropriation exists within the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget (Non-Departmental (#001)) to fund the contract.

Council should note that the 2026 estimate in the paragraph above is based on inflation. However, the ILA does not limit the Forum's established budget, a key metric in the ILA's cost-share formula, to inflationary increases.

Fiscal Impact Screenshot

Non-Departmental (#001)

25-2026 Biennial Budget	
Beginning Budget	\$ 1,868,432
Expenditures	\$ (527,794)
Outstanding Contract Value <i>(Previously Approved)</i>	\$ (183,490)
Current Available Budget	\$ 1,157,148
Value of this ILA <i>(AB25-060)</i>	\$ (18,205)
Available Budget after AB25-060	\$ 1,138,943