

TO: City Council
FROM: Dan Smith, Water Resources & Sustainability Director
DATE: June 7, 2022
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Tumwater and the Washington Department of Transportation for Maintenance of Palermo Treatment Lagoon

1) Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approving the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tumwater and the Washington Department of Transportation for the maintenance of Palermo Treatment Lagoon. The Interlocal Agreement was recommended for approval by the Public Works Committee at their May 19, 2022 meeting.

2) Background:

The Palermo Treatment Lagoon serves to further treat surface waters impacted by contaminants associated with the “Palermo Superfund” site. Since the late 1990’s when contamination was discovered at the Palermo Wellfield through its Wellhead Protection Program, the City has cooperated with various agencies, such as the US Environmental Protection Agency and WA Department of Ecology to support clean-up efforts and protect drinking water, and remains responsible for routine maintenance within the Palermo neighborhood. The WA Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is the primary responsible party for clean-up efforts.

3) Policy Support:

- Be a leader in Environmental Sustainability: Reduce ground and surface water impacts associated with street and freeway runoff and urban activity
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ No alternatives identified; maintenance is necessary to maintain adequate levels of treatment.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

This agreement provides for 100% reimbursement of third party costs for clean-up efforts, not expected to exceed \$100,000.00. As the City is required to provide routine maintenance, which includes management of the treatment lagoon, the City agrees to provide project management at no additional cost to WSDOT.

6) Attachments:

- A. Interlocal Agreement – Maintenance of Palermo Treatment Lagoon
- B. Scope of Services