

TO: City Council
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: November 18, 2025
SUBJECT: Land License with EarthScope Consortium, Inc for GPS Station at Tumwater Hill Park

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Land License with EarthScope Consortium, Inc for the GPS Station at Tumwater Hill Park.

The license was recommended for approval on the consent calendar at the November 6, 2025 Public Works Committee Meeting.

2) Background:

A Geodetic Monitoring Station was installed at Tumwater Hill Park by the US Geological Survey (USGS) after the 2007 earthquake. Drilled into the bedrock at the top of Tumwater Hill, it's not a seismograph, but measures movement and shifts mainly between earthquake events.

The current land license for this station has expired and this new lease will provide for continued operation of the station through September 2035.

3) Policy Support:

Evaluate and promote City programs to reduce risk to life and property throughout our community.

We act to preserve and enhance the natural environment and the social fabric of our community.

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Approve Land License
 - ☐ Do not approve/request removal
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5) Fiscal Notes:

This is a no cost lease and presents no expenses to City operations.

6) Attachments:

A. License Agreement