



Memorandum

Date: 9/15/2020
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 20-115
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

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TITLE:

Approval of the Lake Washington Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Interlocal Agreement Amendment

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Staff seeks Council’s approval allowing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Lake Washington Cedar/Sammamish Interlocal Agreement (the WRIA 8 ILA).

- The Lake Washington Cedar/Sammamish Chinook Salmon is listed as a threatened species, under the Federal Endangers Species Act (ESA).
- Redmond is part of an existing ILA among 27 jurisdictions that supports a staff team, housed within the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, which coordinates the implementation of *the Lake Washington Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Chinook Conservation Plan* (a.k.a. the WRIA 8 Conservation Plan).
- In 2019, Snohomish County left the WRIA 8 ILA citing budgetary issues.
- This amendment re-instates Snohomish County as a participant in the WRIA 8 ILA and re-asserts their financial obligations to support the Lake Washington Cedar/Sammamish Chinook Conservation Plan (the WRIA 8 Conservation Plan).

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Receive Information** **Provide Direction** **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**

The City's participation in the WRIA 8 ILA is supported by numerous Comprehensive Plan Policies, notably, "NE-95--Participate in regional efforts to recover species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), such as the Chinook Salmon."

- **Required:**
The Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires Redmond take actions to conserve Lake Washington Cedar/Sammamish Chinook Salmon. The City's participation in the WRIA 8 ILA fulfills this federal ESA mandate.
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
None.

OUTCOMES:

Adoption of this amendment will ensure coordination of the WRIA 8 Conservation Plan implementation is fully funded and supported by the original assemblage of jurisdictional ILA participants.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
Because this is purely an administrative action that supports an existing agreement, no outreach to the community is planned for this specific item.

The WRIA 8 staff team developed the plan using input from ILA member jurisdictions, non-profit organizations, state and federal agencies, the Tribes, and individual citizens. A similar level of public involvement was used to develop the 2017 updates to conservation plan. In addition, the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council authorizes and oversees the implementation of the WRIA 8 Conservation Plan, and includes representatives from ILA member jurisdictions, non-profit organizations, state and federal agencies, the business community, the Tribes, and the general public.

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

By rejoining the WRIA 8 ILA, Snohomish County is obligated to contribute approximately \$64,000 to the 2020 WRIA 8 Budget and a similar amount annually, moving forward. Re-instatement of the County's contribution to the WRIA 8 budget reduces the cost share for all other ILA partners including Redmond-i.e., the other ILA members will not have to "make up" for the loss of the County's contribution.

Redmond WRIA 8 ILA cost share for 2021 will be \$25,618.

Approved in current biennial budget: **Yes** **No** **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:

Budget Priority number 36-Ground and Surface Water Management.

Budget Priority:
Clean and Green

Other budget impacts or additional costs: Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:
N/A

Funding source(s):
Redmond's cost share contributions to WRIA 8 ILA are funded by the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund.

Budget/Funding Constraints:
N/A
 Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

| Date | Meeting | Requested Action |
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| 9/08/2020 | Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works | Provide Direction |

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

| Date | Meeting | Requested Action |
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| | None proposed at this time | N/A |

Time Constraints:
N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:
If this amendment is not approved by Redmond, Snohomish County would not be able to re-join the WRIA 8 ILA.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1--WRIA 8 ILA Amendment Language