

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF OLYMPIA, LACEY,
AND YELM AND THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDD INLET-
DESCHUTES WATERSHED ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COALITION**

WHEREAS, RCW 39.34.010 permits local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 39.34.080, each party is authorized to contract with any one or more other public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity, or undertaking which each public agency entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform: provided, that such contract must be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract and must set forth its purposes, powers, rights, objectives, and responsibilities of the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Yelm, and the Squaxin Island Tribe (the Members) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOU”) in 2011 to jointly create a coalition (the Coalition) to implement the commitments stated in that MOU, including for the cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Yelm (the Cities) to fund the design, project management, and construction of a restoration project or projects within the Deschutes River/Budd Inlet Watershed with seed money of \$500,000; to collectively pursue grants and to leverage these funds as match, and to develop a long-term strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, in the MOU, the Members agreed that the Coalition is to be dedicated to fostering the recovery of an abundance of natural resources and the requisite environmental quality at the level necessary to support the culture and traditions of Tribal members, including fishing and shellfish harvest, and that improves the quality of life for residents of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Members hereby reaffirm the expressions, objectives, and commitments stated in the MOU; and

WHEREAS, the Cities will be performing mitigation actions within the Watershed related to the acquisition of certain water rights within the Watershed; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Coalition will take ongoing coordination and collaboration across governmental entities, including the Members, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Members understand the critical importance of establishing the governmental and financial structure to support the timely implementation of the Coalition;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the form of Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Yelm, and the Squaxin Island Tribe to establish the Budd/Deschutes Watershed Environmental Stewardship Coalition, and the terms and conditions contained therein.
2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia the Interlocal Agreement, and any other documents necessary to execute said Agreement, including the Coalition Bylaws, and to make any amendments or minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Agreement, or to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2023.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY