

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF THE DESCHUTES WATERSHED PLAN TO THE WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2018, the Washington Legislature passed the Streamflow Restoration law (RCW 90.94); and

WHEREAS, the Streamflow Restoration law requires adoption of a watershed plan for the water resource inventory area (WRIA) 13 Deschutes watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Streamflow Restoration law directed the Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) to convene local planning groups to develop watershed plans; and

WHEREAS, the Streamflow Restoration law requires a representative designated by each city within the WRIA 13 Deschutes watershed to participate on the local planning group;

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is a participating representative on the local planning group; and

WHEREAS, DOE expects local planning group representatives to vet watershed plan components with appropriate decision makers within their entity and seek approval of the final plan components;

WHEREAS, DOE is requiring a consensus vote of approval by the local planning group for submittal of the plan to DOE for evaluation of compliance with the Streamflow Restoration law and possible rulemaking; and

WHEREAS, the plan generally identifies projects to offset potential consumptive use impacts of new permit-exempt domestic groundwater withdrawals on instream flows over the 2018–2038 planning horizon and provides a net ecological benefit to the Deschutes watershed; and

WHEREAS, the City Staff representative recommends the City of Olympia approve the plan; the plan will benefit the City and its residents through collaboration with local partners to implement regional water resource management solutions and by making the City eligible for grants to support our capital improvement program; and

WHEREAS, City staff representation on the local planning group seeks authority from City Council to vote on the plan;

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

The Olympia City Council hereby authorizes and directs City of Olympia staff representation on the WRIA 13 Deschutes watershed local planning group to vote on the Deschutes watershed plan for submittal to DOE.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2021.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY