

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, DESIGNATING THE THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AS LEAD ENTITY FOR COMMUNITY-BASED COORDINATION AND PRIORITIZATION OF SALMON HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS IN WATER RESOURCES INVENTORY AREA (WRIA) 13.

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Washington State Legislature created the Salmon Recovery Funding Board to coordinate the protection and restoration of salmon habitat through local Lead Entities for each Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA); and

WHEREAS, Lead Entities work at the watershed level to facilitate a citizen's committee that coordinates the selection and prioritization of salmon habitat restoration projects with input from technical experts and watershed stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, designation of a Lead Entity by the County, Cities, and Tribe with jurisdiction over land within WRIA 13 is required to enable project proponents to receive grants from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston Conservation District, who has been the WRIA 13 Lead Entity for 20 years, is no longer capable of fulfilling the requirements of Lead Entity; and

WHEREAS, designation of a Lead Entity in WRIA 13 to perform the duties as outlined in RCW Chapter 77.85 requires a letter of support or resolution from the City of Olympia and other WRIA 13 jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia recognizes a need for salmon recovery and habitat restoration, and it is in the best interests of the City to work cooperatively with other jurisdictions in the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston Regional Planning Council has indicated an interest in assuming the role of Lead Entity for WRIA 13 and as the fiscal agent for the Lead Entity duties as outlined in RCW Chapter 77.85; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston Regional Planning Council has a proven track record of convening successful stakeholder processes and in managing federal and state grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA that the Thurston Regional Planning Council is hereby designated as Lead Entity for WRIA 13, the Deschutes River watershed, for purposes of coordinating salmon habitat restoration efforts, prioritizing projects for funding, and serving as the fiscal agent for the Lead Entity duties as outlined in RCW Chapter 77.85.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2018.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY