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**CITY OF OLYMPIA  
Olympia, Washington**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 3, 2006**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of LOTT Water Conservation Coordination Plan Interlocal Agreement

**ORIGINATED BY:** Public Works Department

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**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:** Consider approval of interlocal agreement

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve interlocal agreement

**DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:** 1. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the LOTT Alliance, the Cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater and Thurston County Regarding Joint Wastewater Reduction and Water Conservation Projects

**BUDGET IMPACT & SOURCE OF FUNDS:** City staff will be involved with implementation of the LOTT Water Conservation Coordination Plan. Related activities are aligned with the City’s water conservation program and will not have any budget implications.

**PRESENTERS AND OTHERS NOTIFIED:** None.

**BACKGROUND:** The attached draft interlocal agreement establishes the mission, objectives, and program elements related to the LOTT Alliance’s Water Conservation Coordination Plan. In addition, it defines the general responsibilities of each of the LOTT partners, the LOTT Alliance, the cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater and Thurston County related to the WCCP. The term of this agreement is January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2012.

In 1996, the LOTT partners developed LOTT’s original Water Conservation Coordination Plan to guide the Program from 1996 through 2005. In 1996, the City entered into a formal partnership

through a similar interlocal. This new interlocal agreement represents the next iteration of that longstanding relationship.

Through the original Water Conservation Coordination Plan, the LOTT partners achieved a wastewater flow reduction estimated to be 557,000 gallons/day. The new plan establishes a wastewater flow reduction goal of an additional 530,000 gallons/day, and includes a number of enhancements to achieve that goal. These enhancements are well aligned with the City's water conservation workplan for indoor water use. The City's workplan calls for increased focus on the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) water conservation while continuing to seek innovative ways to improve residential conservation. Specifically, the new plan includes:

- Increased financial incentives for water saving technologies for ICI customers
- Increased technical assistance and outreach with ICI customers
- Evaluation of opportunities for direct installation of low high efficiency toilets for ICI customers
- School demonstration projects to fully retrofit one school in each jurisdiction
- Development of high efficiency toilet rebate programs for single-family and multi-family residences
- Development of incentives to encourage installation of better-than-code water-efficient appliances and fixtures in new residential development
- Development of incentives for hot water system that reduce "run-until-hot" water use
- Enhanced public education and outreach

These activities are completely aligned with the City's water conservation program workplan.

## **ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS:**

Olympia City Conservation Program staff participated actively in the development of this agreement and the LOTT Alliance's Water Conservation Coordination Program. The plan is an integral and critical component of the City's water conservation program.

This agreement codifies the commitment of all LOTT partners to implementing a reasonably aggressive and cost effective water conservation program.

### **Implications:**

Through this agreement the City of Olympia agrees to commit the resources to implement the Water Conservation Coordination Plan,

to the extent feasible given budget limitations.

The agreement continues the regional commitment to work toward joint water conservation goals without placing an unreasonable burden on the partner Cities. The expectation for City staff to participate in implementation efforts is consistent with previous expectations under the 1996 plan and interlocal agreement.

**Option 1.**

Approve the interlocal agreement.

Pros

1. Allows the LOTT partners to begin implementation of the Water Conservation Coordination Plan.
2. Helps the City achieve its own water conservation goals.

Cons

1. Commits staff time to implement the Water Conservation Coordination Plan.

**Option 2.**

Do not approve the interlocal agreement.

Pros

1. Potentially allows greater autonomy to implement the City's water conservation program.

Cons

1. Delay of implementation of the LOTT WCCP.
2. Loss of additional funding to implement water conservation programs.
3. Loss of regional cooperation and efficiency.

**Option 3.**

Request staff to modify the interlocal agreement and approve at a later date.

Pros

1. Better meets Council's needs.

Cons

1. Delay of implementation of the LOTT Water Conservation Coordination Plan