



City Council

Approval of Stormwater Utility Easement for the City of Tumwater on the Brewery Wellfield Property Jointly Owned by the Cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred by committee

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to grant and authorize the City Manager to sign an easement to the City of Tumwater for improvements to an existing stormwater outfall on a portion of the property jointly owned by the cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater, known as the Brewery Wellfield site.

Report

Issue:

Whether to grant an easement to the City of Tumwater for improvements to an existing stormwater outfall on property jointly owned by the Cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater at the Brewery Wellfield.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Not applicable

Background and Analysis:

The Cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater jointly own property (18 acres), wells, and water rights at a location called the Brewery Wellfield, which is located along Cleveland Avenue in Tumwater. The cities are currently in the process of developing a preliminary engineering plan to determine the costs and options for delivering water from this site to the three cities.

The City of Tumwater has a stormwater outfall which crosses the property and needs to be upgraded to reduce erosion along the hillside and into the Deschutes River. They have received a grant to complete the design and construction work for this project. Part of the project will involve relocating and redesigning the stormwater outfall which will be within the boundaries of the jointly-owned property (see attachment). The City of Tumwater is requesting an easement from Lacey and Olympia to complete work on this project. The City of Lacey is scheduled to consider the request next.

The easement is outside the area that is likely to include potential future drinking water facilities or municipal drinking water wells. Terms of the easement make it clear that the City of Tumwater will take full responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and liability associated with this stormwater facility.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

None known.

Options:

1. Grant the easement. If the easement is granted, the City of Tumwater will proceed with building a stormwater facility in the easement area.
2. Do not grant the easement.
The City of Tumwater would not be able to construct the stormwater facility. Stormwater would continue to runoff from Cleveland Avenue negatively affecting water quality in the Deschutes River.

Financial Impact:

None.