



City Council

Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement between Thurston PUD #1 and City of Olympia for the use of Emergency Water System Interties

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement with Thurston PUD #1.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve a mutual aid agreement authorizing the City of Olympia and Thurston PUD #1 to provide water to each other in the event of emergencies.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item

Background and Analysis:

This mutual aid agreement provides that in cases of emergency the City of Olympia and Thurston PUD #1 can request potable water service from each other for use in firefighting, drinking water, and personal hygiene. This helps ensure that our customers do not experience an interruption in water service. An intertie already exists to provide water between Olympia's water system and the PUD's water system. The intertie is located at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Seahawk Street. For a period of time greater than 72 hours, the responding agency will bill for the actual cost incurred (e.g., electricity to pump, disinfection chemicals, staffing, etc.) to provide water. There is no charge for periods of time less than 72 hours.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

This agreement helps ensure that our respective customers are supplied with drinking water during emergencies.

Options:

1. Authorize the mutual aid agreement. This helps ensure that in the event of an emergency, drinking water customers do not experience an interruption in service.
2. Decline the authority to sign the mutual aid agreement. Drinking water customers may be more likely to experience an interruption in service during emergencies.

Financial Impact:

In the event of an emergency greater than 72 hours, the responding agency will bill for the actual cost incurred to provide water. There is no water meter at the intertie to measure the amount of water provided.