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2 Requested by: County Council
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6 **RESOLUTION NO. R2022-**
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9 **A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Approving and Authorizing the**
10 **Pierce County Executive to Execute an Interlocal Agreement**
11 **with Port of Tacoma (Port) to Support the Completion of Two**
12 **Capital Improvement Projects; Clear Creek Habitat**
13 **Restoration and Clear Creek Floodgate, Included in the Pierce**
14 **County Planning and Public Works Surface Water**
15 **Management Improvement Plan (SWIP).**
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17 **Whereas**, Chapter 39.34 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) allows local
18 governments to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to
19 cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage; and
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21 **Whereas**, Ordinance No. 2021-96 adopted the 2022-2027 Surface Water
22 Improvement Program (SWIP) which includes the Clear Creek Habitat Restoration and
23 Clear Creek Floodgate projects; and
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25 **Whereas**, the Commencement Bay Natural Resource Trustees have agreed to
26 contribute funding to these two projects to promote off-channel habitat improvements
27 essential to salmon recovery within the Puyallup River watershed; and
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29 **Whereas**, Resolution R2021-177 authorized the acceptance of these funds for
30 the purpose of constructing these projects.
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32 **Whereas**, these projects support Pierce County objectives to preserve and
33 enhance surface water resources including salmon recovery, and provide flood risk
34 reduction improvements to the Clear Creek area; and
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36 **Whereas**, the Port has a long-standing commitment to environmental
37 stewardship along Clear Creek, and in the interest of partnership and collaboration this
38 agreement seeks to advance those goals; and
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40 **Whereas**, said Surface Water Management (SWM) capital improvement projects
41 are located on, and adjacent to, Port property and Port owned floodgate infrastructure,
42 as shown on Exhibit A; and
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44 **Whereas**, both operational efficiency and system reliability will be increased if
45 both the Clear Creek floodgates are owned by Pierce County and managed as a single
46 system; and
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