



# Tideflats Subarea Plan Work Plan Discussion

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- Commissioners McCarthy and Meyer will be attending a Steering Committee meeting on February 8, 2019 to consider a Draft Work Plan for the Tideflats subarea planning process.
- Approval of the Work Plan would obligate the financial contribution of up to \$500,000 as identified in the November 14, 2018 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

**No action is requested of the Commission today.**

# Background



- 2009 – Container Port Element mandated by an addition to the State GMA relating to land use and transportation planning for marine ports in Seattle and Tacoma.
- July 2014 – Tacoma adopts the Container Port Element as a new element of the city’s Comprehensive Plan.
- May 2017 – Port Commission adopts Res 2017-03-PT for an Interlocal Agreement with Tacoma and Pierce County. Resolution amended December 21, 2017 to include the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.
- September 2018 – Port Commission authorizes Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with funding commitment dependent on Commission’s approval of a Work Plan.

# Work Plan Scope



Work Plan Section IV “Anticipated Outcomes” includes several statements in alignment with the GMA’s Container Port Element directives.

Section V expressly references the Container Port Element:

*“The Subarea Plan, at a minimum, will address requirements under Washington State law to include State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental review, Growth Management Act (GMA), Shoreline Management Act (SMA), the Puyallup Land Claims Settlement, the Container Port Element and elements for certification of a Manufacturing and Industrial Center (MIC) by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).”*

# Next Steps



## Following Steering Committee's approval of the Work Plan:

- Project Management Team & Staff Leadership Team start search for consultant to assist with Plan.
- The approximate six-month search process culminates with approval of a consultant by the Tacoma City Council.
- The Subarea Planning process is expected to take two years after a consultant is hired.
- Staff will provide the Commission with periodic updates on the Plan process and will bring forward any substantive changes to the Container Port Element.

# Possible Work Plan Amendment



The following amendment to clarify Section VI. A. Steering Committee of the Draft Work Plan has been suggested by some Commissioners.

The approval of the Steering Committee shall be three or more governments concurring on a matter. Where the Work Plan calls ~~if a meeting of the Steering Committee is deemed necessary~~ for the approval/concurrence by the Steering Committee, or if the Staff Leadership Team deems it necessary, a Steering Committee meeting must take place within 30-calendar days of the need for a decision and may be called by any member of the Steering Committee if needed to meet this timeframe. Full participation is intended, but the meeting may be held with the attendance of three or more government participants. The position of all governments participating in the decision will be recorded. All participating governments will have the opportunity to offer comment jointly or separately within the same 30-calendar day period for final decision. If no approval vote occurs within the 30-calendar day inter-governmental comment period, the decision moves to the Tacoma City Council's normal process



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