



Item No: 6D

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Tideflats Subarea Plan Work Plan Approval

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Tideflats Subarea Plan Action Requested



Staff requests the Commission to authorize Commissioners Meyer and McCarthy to approve the February 10, 2019 Tideflats Subarea Planning Work Plan.

- The commission received a staff briefing update February 7, 2019 about the Draft Work Plan, dated January 30, 2019.
- Commissioners McCarthy and Meyer attended a Steering Committee meeting on February 8, 2019 to consider the Draft Work Plan.
- Previous Steering Committee meetings were held on:
 - August 30, 2018 to finalize the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), and
 - January 11, 2019 for an update on Work Plan Progress

- The February 8th meeting resulted in the following changes to the Draft Work Plan:
 - Adds that Steering Committee members can attend meetings virtually if unavailable in person, or an alternate commissioner can attend.
 - Adds Tacoma Public Utilities and the Washington State Department of Transportation as examples of technical advisors.
 - Clarifies that the Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings will be open to the Public and that public testimony will not occur at these meetings

Tideflats Subarea Plan Authorization History



- 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 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).”

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 about 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.

Staff requests the full Commission to authorize Commissioners Meyer and McCarthy to approve the February 10, 2019 Tideflats Subarea Planning Work Plan.

- 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).



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