

RESOLUTION NO. 1068

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lacey, Washington designating the Thurston Regional Planning Council as Lead Entity for community-based coordination and prioritization of salmon habitat restoration projects in Water Resources Inventory Area (WRIA) 13.

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Washington State Legislature created the Salmon Recovery Funding Board to coordinate the protection and restoration of salmon habitat through local Lead Entities for each Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA); and

WHEREAS, the local WRIA 13 is made up of stakeholders including Thurston County, Squaxin Island Tribe, the cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Ecology, the Puget Sound Partnership, local citizens, and other regional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Lead Entities work at the watershed level to facilitate a citizen's committee that coordinates the selection and prioritization of salmon habitat restoration projects with input from technical experts and watershed stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, designation of a Lead Entity by the County, Cities, and Tribe with jurisdiction over land within WRIA 13 is required to enable project proponents to receive grants from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston Conservation District, who has been the WRIA 13 Lead Entity for 20 years, is no longer capable of fulfilling the requirements of Lead Entity; and

WHEREAS, designation of a Lead Entity in WRIA 13 to perform the duties as outlined in RCW Chapter 77.85 requires a letter of support or resolution from the City of Lacey and other WRIA 13 jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lacey recognizes a need for salmon recovery and habitat restoration, and it is in the best interests of the City to work cooperatively with other jurisdictions in the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston Regional Planning Council has indicated an interest in assuming the role of Lead Entity for WRIA 13 and as the fiscal agent for the Lead Entity duties as outlined in RCW Chapter 77.85; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston Regional Planning Council has a proven track record of convening successful stakeholder processes and in managing federal and state grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Lacey hereby designates the Thurston Regional Planning Council as Lead Entity for WRIA 13, the Deschutes River watershed, for purposes of coordinating salmon habitat restoration efforts, prioritizing projects for funding, and serving as the fiscal agent for the Lead Entity duties as outlined in RCW Chapter 77.85.

Section 2. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

RESOLVED this 13th day of September 2018.

CITY OF LACEY



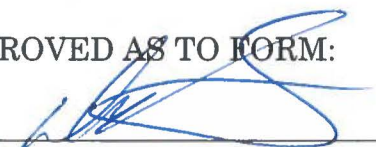
Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Peri Edmonds, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Dave Schneider, City Attorney