



**Government Relation (SD-10) Update  
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# Overview

- Review of SD-10, Government Relations
- Gov. to Gov. Relations During the Pandemic
- Gov. to Gov. Relations with Native American Tribes
- Collaboration with the City of Tacoma General Government
- Gov. to Gov. Relations with Franchise Partners
- Upcoming Gov. Relations Priorities with Gov. Partners
- Questions and Feedback from PUB



# SD-10, Government Relations

## **Purpose:**

Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) is committed to building and strengthening respectful and mutually-productive relationships with tribal, federal, state, and other local units of government in order for public policy to benefit TPU customers and to foster the outcomes set out in TPU's Strategic Directives.



# Gov. to Gov. Relations During the Pandemic

- Virtual Meeting began March 2020
- Many government offices moved to work from home
- Large decrease to franchise partner budgets
- Consistent communication regarding customer assistance programs
- Updates on TPU programs, operations, and safety protocols
- The Generation/Natural Resources teams continue to communicate with the gov. and elected officials in the areas around the hydro projects.
- Tacoma Water teams continue to communicate with gov. and elected officials in the Green River Watershed



# Gov. to Gov. Relations with Native American Tribes

## Highlights

### Puyallup Tribe

- Work with Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) for Tribal Shelter
- IRP/Clean Energy Conservation Plans
- Economic development opportunities
- Tacoma Rail Strategic Plan

### Nisqually Tribe

- ESSB 6091 - Hirst Fix, Yelm partnership

### Other

- The Generation/Natural Resources teams continue to foster positive relationships with their Tribal partners around the hydro projects
- Tacoma Water teams continue to foster positive relationships with Tribal partners near the Green River Watershed



# Collaboration with the City of Tacoma (GG)

## Highlights

- Weekly coordination between TPU and GG staff
- COVID response coordination
  - Emergency response teams
  - Safety
  - Town hall meetings
  - Joint messaging
- Equity, Anti-racism, and Transformation
  - Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE)
- Internships
- Electric vehicle charging stations



# Collaboration with the City of Tacoma (GG)

## Highlights Continued...

- Interim/Non-Interim Tideflats Regulations
- Climate Action Plan (CAP), Decarbonization Resolution
- Advanced Metering Program (AMI)
- Budget and Rates Process
- Assistance Programs/COVID Relief
- United Way Employee Giving Campaign
- Hiring Panels



# Gov. to Gov. Relations with Franchise Partners

## Highlights

- COVID -19 information and assistance programs
- AMI
- Budget and rates
- Conservation programs
- Franchise Agreements
- General updates





# Upcoming Gov. to Gov. Relations Priorities

- COVID Recovery
  - End of disconnection moratorium
  - Customer assistance
  - Automatic payment plans
- Customer Assistance programs
- AMI, AMI portal
- Budget and rates development and outreach
- Franchise Agreements
- Climate Action Plan implementation



# Questions and Feedback

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Thank you

What feedback or questions do you have for us?

