

# Green Bond Post-Issuance Report

Report Number 1

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Issue Description: Water System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 (Green

Bonds)

**Date of Post-Issuance Report:** February 3, 2025 (Report Number 1)

**Green Standard:** ICMA Green Bond Principles

**Green Category:** Sustainable Water Management

**Par:** \$63,800,000

Proceeds Spent: 100%

Dated Date: January 25, 2024 Results:

Second Party Opinion Provider / Date: Kestrel / December 26, 2023 ✓ 100% conformance w

Sustainability-Linked Triggers: N/A

✓ 100% conformance with Green Standard

# **RESULTS**

Criteria	Post-Issuance Evaluation	Status
Eligible Projects	Proceeds have been allocated to projects and activities as described in the Second Party Opinion.	☑ Confirmed ☐ Under review
Newly Added Projects	Disclose any financed projects or activities not evaluated pre- issuance.	☑ Not applicable ☐ Described below
Eligible Project Categories	The financed projects or activities are aligned with eligible ICMA Project Categories.	☑ Confirmed ☐ Under review
Outstanding Proceeds	All proceeds have been spent and no proceeds are outstanding.	☑ Confirmed ☐ Described above
Issuer Climate Action	Issuer continues to progress toward climate action targets.	☑ Confirmed ☐ Under review
Management of Proceeds	Proceeds have been managed and tracked appropriately.	☑ Confirmed ☐ Under review
Reporting Scope	What categories of information are included in this post-issuance report.	☑ Allocation ☑ Eligibility ☑ Impact
Future Reporting	This is Kestrel update report number 1. This is the final update report for this issuance. Additional reporting and updates on performance metrics may be found at mytpu.org/about-tpu/tpu-publications and mytpu.org/about-tpu/public-utility-board/board-meetings.	☑ Final report ☐ Future reporting
Material Developments	There have been no material developments related to the green projects that affect eligibility.	☑ Confirmed ☐ Under review

## STATUS. IMPACT AND ALLOCATION TO ELIGIBLE GREEN PROJECTS

Proceeds from the Water System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 (Green Bonds) (the "Bonds") have been fully disbursed to refinance costs of improvements to the drinking water system for the Water Division of the Department of Public Utilities ("Tacoma Water") for the City of Tacoma, Washington. Refinanced upgrades and improvements promote water conservation, encourage environmental protection and restoration, and improve aging infrastructure. All projects are complete.

Major projects financed by the refunded bonds include water transmission and distribution infrastructure to maintain efficient operations and reliable water supply for customers and regional partners. Projects also include automated metering infrastructure and systems to enable real-time monitoring and allow operators to detect leaks quickly, maximize water conservation efforts, and reduce energy and chemical use. Refinanced projects also include lead gooseneck removal. As of January 2025, all known lead goosenecks have been replaced in the Tacoma Water system.

Tacoma Water serves approximately 375,000 people in a region with unique water resource challenges and rapid population growth. Watershed stewardship is central to Tacoma Water's long-term management practices. Tacoma Water owns a portion of the upper Green River watershed and implements watershed protection and monitoring programs. The refinanced projects illustrate Tacoma Water's commitment to sustainability, advance water conservation goals, encourage environmental protection and restoration, and improve aging infrastructure.

## CONCLUSION

Based on our independent review, the Water System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 (Green Bonds) are impactful and continue to conform, in all material respects, with the Green Bond Principles (2021) and are in complete alignment with the Sustainable Water Management eligible project categories.

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### Methodology

In order to prepare Post-Issuance Reports, Kestrel obtains confirmation from an issuer or beneficiary through written correspondence and interviews with key staff. Kestrel also reviews publicly available documentation and information otherwise made available to us. The information contained herein is current as of the Date of Post-Issuance Report.

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