

## CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON, ACTING BY OR THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, WATER DIVISION

## VOLUNTARY INFORMATION REGARDING LONG-TERM WHOLESALE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENTS WITH CASCADE WATER ALLIANCE

## NOTICE DATED JUNE 11, 2025 Water System Revenue Bonds (CUSIP Base-6 873547) Regional Water Supply System Revenue Bonds (CUSIP Base-6 87354T)

The City of Tacoma, Washington (the "City" or "Tacoma"), acting by or through its Department of Public Utilities, Water Division ("Tacoma Water") is filing this Voluntary Disclosure Notice (the "Notice") regarding the approval of long-term wholesale water supply agreements with Cascade Water Alliance ("Cascade").

Nothing contained in this Notice is, or should be construed as, a representation by the City that this Notice comprises all of the information that may be material to a decision to invest in, hold, or dispose of any City bonds. This information is provided voluntarily by the City, without intention to provide any update to this information or its subject matter or to provide similar information in the future. Any obligation to do so is expressly disclaimed.

Pursuant to Resolution No. U-11509 approved by the Tacoma Public Utility Board on February 26, 2025, and Ordinance No. 29024 approved by the Tacoma City Council on March 18, 2025, the City executed two long-term wholesale water supply agreements with Cascade (the "Agreements"). The Agreements enable Tacoma Water to supply up to 32.5 million gallons per day ("MGD") of peak capacity (24 MGD on an average day) to Cascade, which Tacoma Water plans to gradually phase in between the years 2040-2062, with a commitment to deliver up to 15 MGD perpetually thereafter with an anticipated 12 MGD average.

Cascade is a municipal corporation that provides water to the Cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond, and Tukwila, Sammamish Plateau Water, and Skyway Water and Sewer District. Cascade currently gets up to 33 MGD of water from Seattle Public Utilities, but this allocation starts to decrease in 2040 until reaching 5.3 MGD in 2064. Cascade's Board previously approved the Agreements on January 22, 2025.

Currently, there is no infrastructure connecting the Tacoma Water and Cascade water systems. Under these Agreements, Cascade will finance, construct, operate and maintain a water transmission main from Tacoma's pipeline 5 to Cascade's customers.

The Agreements are expected to have wide-ranging benefits for water supply and reliability across the region. It positions both water utilities to maximize future regional water projects and make certain shared additional investments in infrastructure. It helps support regional conservation efforts and coordinates more effective water management practices. Cascade and Tacoma Water will also enjoy enhanced supply resiliency through broader access to regional water supply, mitigating regional risks associated with

climate change and potential drought, wildfire, water quality, and seismic events. Execution of the Agreements also brings revenue opportunities to Tacoma Water, helps keep rates lower for residential, wholesale and business customers over time, and positions Tacoma Water to participate in major regional water projects in the future.

For additional information, see <a href="https://www.mytpu.org/community-environment/projects/proposed-tacoma-water-partnership-with-the-cascade-water-alliance/">https://www.mytpu.org/community-environment/projects/proposed-tacoma-water-partnership-with-the-cascade-water-alliance/</a> (which website is not incorporated herein by this reference).

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