



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON  
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 7.F.  
For Meeting of: September 3, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:** Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County for preparation of a Bacterial Sampling Quality Assurance Project Plan

**SUBMITTED BY:** Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works  
\* Mike Price, Wastewater/Stormwater Manager

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

The City of Yakima (City) and Yakima County operate stormwater programs under the Department of Ecology Eastern Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit. The Permit requires both the City and Yakima County to sample selected water bodies in the Mid-Yakima River basin six times per year for E. Coli bacterial as a component of the Mid-Yakima River Basin Bacterial Total Maximum Daily Load study. The sampling and testing must be done in accordance with an Ecology-approved Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) to ensure consistency in sampling and analytical methods.

The City previously hired a consultant to prepare a QAPP for the City. The City and Yakima County recognize that collaboration on a single QAPP will meet Ecology's requirements for both the City and Yakima County and eliminate duplicate work and costs to the benefit of City and Yakima County residents. The attached Interlocal Agreement allows Yakima County to compensate the City for 50% of the costs incurred from the consultant in preparation of the QAPP.

**ITEM BUDGETED:** Yes

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25:** A Safe and Healthy Yakima

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Resolution ILA Quality Assurance Project Plan.docx](#)  
[Inter-Local Agreement.pdf](#)