



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

Item No. 7.E.
For Meeting of: July 2, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Resolution authorizing acceptance of an amendment and Memorandum of Understanding and Engagement with Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group for Riparian Restoration in Support of City's Bridge and William O. Douglas Trail

SUBMITTED BY: Scott Schafer, Public Works Director
*Bill Preston, City Engineer

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

The City of Yakima (City) is amending an existing Memorandum of Understanding with Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (MCFEG) to provide for the five year restoration and maintenance of the city parcels adjacent to Cowiche Creek that were affected by the Cowiche Canyon Trail Project 2430. The permits for the project required the City to mitigate for wetland impacts by establishing new riparian vegetation along the creek and ensuring their establishment and survivability for at least five years. MCFEG has the experience and staff to perform this work for the City. They also have a project in the area and can more effectively coordinate mitigation efforts ensuring compliance and complete restoration efforts along the creek.

Work will begin in 2024 at an estimated cost of \$143,256. Future years will see a decrease in costs as the work is primarily maintenance at that point. Engineering will use Arterial Streets funding for these costs.

ITEM BUDGETED: Yes

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Strengthening Partnerships

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution Revised MOU with MCFEG](#)
[MOU Amendment Exhibit D Riparian](#)