



## Legislation Text

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### **CONSIDER REVISING THREE RIVERS REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT TO FORM A JOINT MUNICIPAL UTILITY SERVICES AUTHORITY**

#### **COUNCIL INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED**

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority (TRRWA) was originally formed by interlocal agreement in 1972 as the Cowlitz Sewer Operating Board to provide regional wastewater treatment services to the urbanized Longview/Kelso area. The TRRWA board consists of representatives from the cities of Longview and Kelso, Cowlitz County, and the Beacon Hill Water and Sewer District.

Since 1972, the TRRWA has functioned as an independent agency. However, recent audits and legal opinions have indicated the TRRWA is not a legally independent agency. To address this issue, the TRRWA decided to form a joint municipal utility services authority in accordance with state law, and retained outside legal counsel to prepare new formation documents. Attached for your review is a staff report and draft formation documents.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Provide direction to staff.