

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; accepting statutory warranty deeds to the Swan property in King County, Washington, the Bettys Family Trust, Bettys Trust, Crossman, Farm and Fowl, LLC, Frol, James, Jones, Learned’s Little Houses, LLC, Nelson, Trowbridge, and Weatherburn properties in Skagit County, Washington, and the Watkins et al. property in Snohomish County, Washington; accepting a quit claim deed to Skagit Land Trust properties in Skagit County, for salmonid habitat protection purposes; declaring certain real property rights surplus and no longer required for providing public utility service or other municipal purposes; ratifying the grants of Deeds of Right to the State of Washington on the Bettys Family Trust, Bettys Trust, Crossman, Frol, Jones, Nelson, and Watkins et al. properties for salmon recovery and conservation purposes; placing said lands under the jurisdiction of the City Light Department; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation authorizes the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to accept statutory warranty deeds to the aforementioned properties, and grant Deeds of Right for seven of those properties to the Washington State Salmon Funding Recovery Board (“SRF Board”) for habitat protection purposes. All of the properties were purchased as part of Seattle City Light (SCL)’s Endangered Species Act (ESA) Early Action Program under the authority of Ordinance 121114. Both the Program and Ordinance stated criteria by which the City committed to assist in threatened species recovery and these properties meet the criteria by protecting salmonid habitat. Funding for the property acquisitions included \$503,000 in SCL funds and \$171,300 from the SRF Board. This legislation places the acquired properties under the jurisdiction of the City Light Department. The funding for these acquisitions was already budgeted and does not require a new appropriation.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

These property acquisitions required \$503,000 in SCL funds, however the funding for these acquisitions was already budgeted and therefore no new appropriation authority is necessary.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

The properties will require monitoring to protect current habitat conditions. A land management plan was developed for the ESA Lands and funding has been set aside for both management and monitoring of these properties. Grant funds are pursued as needed to maintain or improve habitat conditions.

- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**
SCL would be out of compliance with the terms of the signed grant with the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. This may ultimately result in a loss of the award for the properties and subject SCL to funding the purchase of the properties with other resources, including but not limited to ratepayer funds.

- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
No.

- d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
Yes, a public hearing is held concurrent with Council hearing on the Ordinance.

- e) **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?** No.

- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?** No.

- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
Yes, see Attachments listed below.

- h) **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**
N/A

- i) **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.**
N/A

- j) **Other Issues:**

List attachments/exhibits below:

Summary Att A – SCL 2016 Endangered Species Act Lands Deed Acceptance Skagit
Summary Att B – SCL 2016 Endangered Species Act Lands Deed Acceptance Tolt