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Cascade Water Alliance and Tacoma Public Utilities Co-Sign Resolution to Ensure Future Water Supply for the Puget Sound Region

(October 24, 2005)— The Cascade Water Alliance (Cascade), an alliance of regional municipalities and water districts, has entered into an agreement with Tacoma Public Utilities to supply the Puget Sound Region with safe and reliable drinking water.

After months of negotiations, Tacoma Public Utilities and the Cascade Board of Directors last week passed separate resolutions and co-signed a joint resolution that will allow Tacoma Public Utilities to sell water to Cascade at wholesale prices. This agreement represents an important step in assuring that the Puget Sound Region will continue to have an adequate supply of water, said Cascade Board Chair, Grant Degginger.

“This agreement with Tacoma is proof that the entire region can work together to ensure that generations to come will have a clean, safe, and reliable source of drinking water,” Degginger said. “We are excited about the opportunity to help create a regional water supply.”

“Cascade is in a unique position to bring people together all while ensuring that an essential service -- clean, safe drinking water – will continue to be available to our communities,” Degginger said. “We are thankful we have partners such as the City of Tacoma and others throughout Washington that see the importance of our mission and our dedication to access to safe drinking water in the future.”

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