

**CASCADE LOCKS STAFF REPORT**

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**Date Prepared:** August 21, 2025

**For City Council Meeting on:** August 25, 2025

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**PREPARED BY:** Jordon Bennett, City Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Pursue Full Service Intergovernmental Agreement with North Wasco PUD

**CITY STRATEGIC GOALS:**

**Downtown Revitalization**

**Public Services**

**Communication Enhancement**

**Affordable/Workforce Housing**

**Code Improvements**

**SYNOPSIS:** On July 14, North Wasco PUD presented to the City of Cascade Locks regarding potential partnership opportunities. On August 14<sup>th</sup>, I met with North Wasco executive staff to further explore options. North Wasco expressed interest in a full-service IGA, rather than an à la carte model limited to engineering, mapping, estimating services and other behind the scenes services.

Discussions with the Mayor and internal stakeholders indicate alignment around the benefits of a full-service model. North Wasco PUD offers:

- Operational stability
- Technical expertise
- Economies of scale
- Long-term strategic support

The Electric Department Fund can redirect over \$700,000 in personnel and materials and services expense to support services within the IGA.

Staff is asking for a formal vote from Council as to whether or not they would like to proceed with formal negotiations toward a full-service IGA with North Wasco PUD. If approved, staff will work with North Wasco to develop a draft agreement and bring it back for Council review and approve specific details within the IGA.

**CITY COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

- 1) Approve Entering into Negotiations
- 2) Not Approve Entering into Negotiations

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** “I move to approve entering into formal agreement for a full service Intergovernmental Agreement with North Wasco PUD.”