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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Erin J. Leonhart, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

Date: March 4, 2009

Subject: SPECIAL PRESENTATION – CHUCK CLARKE, CASCADE WATER ALLIANCE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

Mr. Chuck Clark, CEO of the Cascade Water Alliance ("Cascade"), will attend the Council meeting to introduce himself and speak briefly about Cascade.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City of Kirkland has been a Cascade member since 1999 we have been receiving drinking water through Cascade since 2004. In addition to purchasing a block of water from Seattle Public Utilities, Cascade is responsible for developing new supply for the long-term needs of all its members:

- City of Kirkland
- City of Bellevue
- Covington Water District
- City of Issaquah
- City of Redmond
- Sammamish Water & Sewer District
- City of Tukwila
- Skyway Water & Sewer District

Chuck Clarke was selected as Cascade's CEO and began these duties on January 20, 2009. Mr. Clarke came to Cascade from Seattle Public Utilities, where he served as director since 2002. He had also served as a deputy mayor in the City of Seattle. Prior to that, Mr. Clarke was the regional administration with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the agency secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, and Director of Washington's Department of Ecology. His experience ranges from strategic planning, regional relationships, the ability to negotiate complex agreements and the ability to manage the day to day operations of a water organization. Clarke graduated from Pacific Lutheran University where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and a Masters of Business Administration.

Mr. Clarke's experience is a welcome addition to Cascade, particularly as the organization embarks on a resource planning update as well as continued relationship-building within the region.