Your Project is Unique
Your Selection Process Should Be Too!

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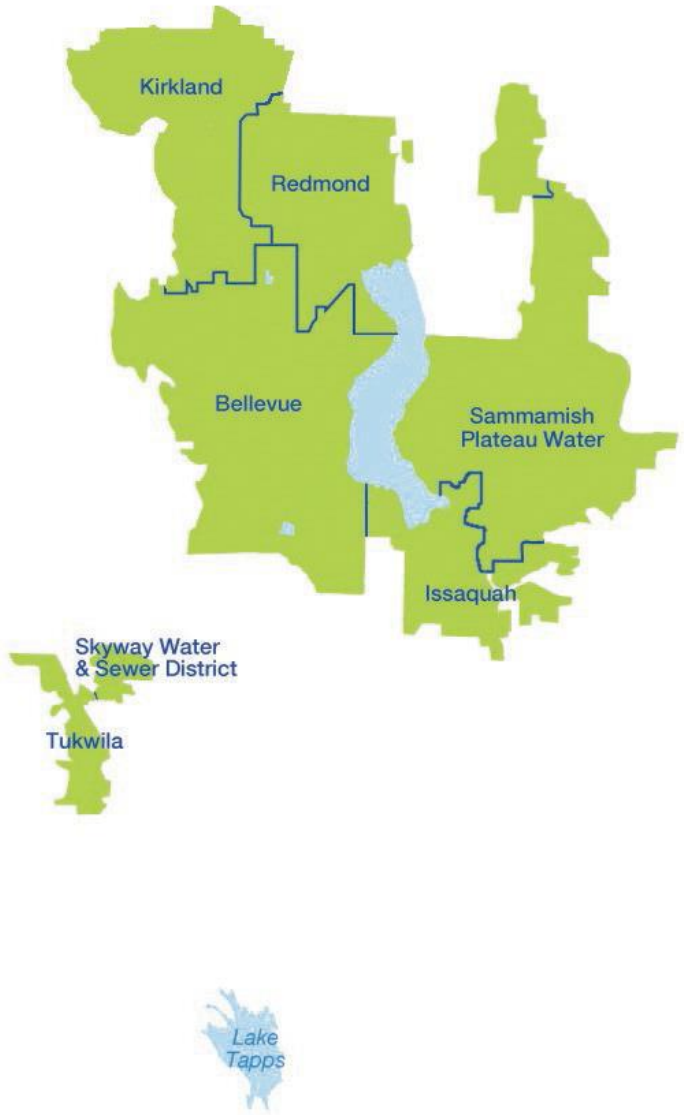
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Cascade Water Alliance

- Founded in 1999
- Wholesale water purveyor
- Seven member agencies
- Serve approximately 400,000 residents and 380,000 employees
- Currently contracted with Seattle Public Utilities



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The Cascade Supply Program (CSP)

- Transitioning from Seattle to Tacoma water supply
- Initiated the CSP in 2025
- Constructing a new water transmission network
- Phase I by 2041
- Phase II and III by 2060

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Cascade Supply Program
Phase Map

Phase II - 2030-2053
Distribution

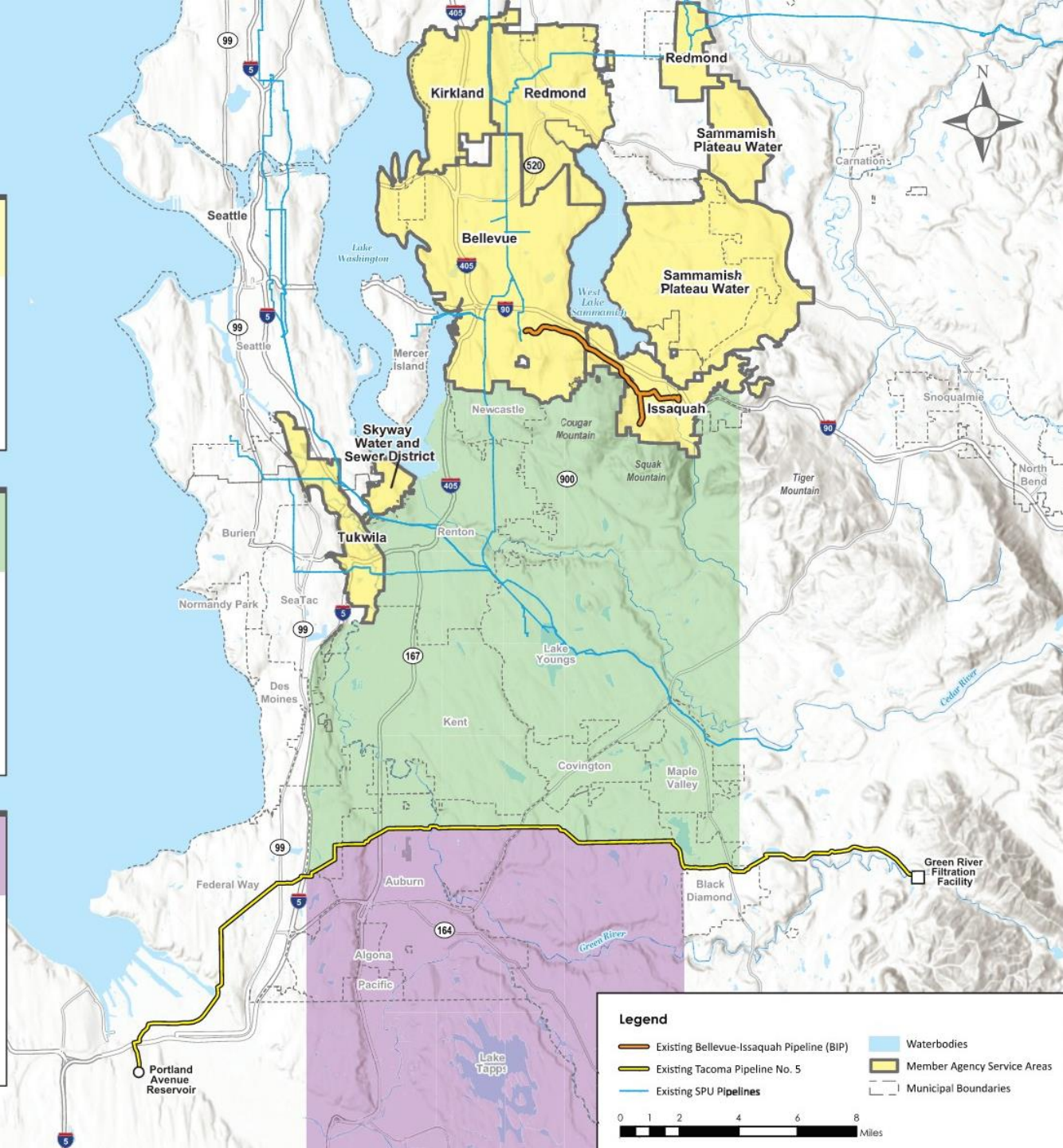
Member Distribution
- Potential additional storage tank
- Potential Bellevue-Issaquah Pipeline distribution improvements
- Potential Pump Station
- Potential Eastside distribution lines serving Bellevue/Kirkland/Redmond (BKR)

Phase I - 2026-2040
Transmission

Connect Tacoma and Cascade
- Tacoma-Cascade Transmission Line
- Cascade Storage Tank
- Cascade Re-chlorination Station
- Building facilities for SCADA and Operations
- Building facilities for Storage and Maintenance

Phase III - 2043-2060
Water Supply Development

Treatment, Pumping and Transmission Pipeline
- Lake Tapps Reservoir Water Treatment Plant (water intake and filtration)
- Lake Tapps Transmission Line
- Potential appurtenant facilities
- Phased capacity buildout



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Pre-Selection is hard work!

- February 26 to May 12
  - 52 working days
- 31 Firms
- 58 meetings



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RFQ – It's OK to be different

- Customize your RFQ and forms to what you need for your project
- Pre-supplied "measles charts" remove bias and interpretation
- Required sample of work
- Scoring – allowed submitters to see the scores, and self select to move forward



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RFP – continue the customization

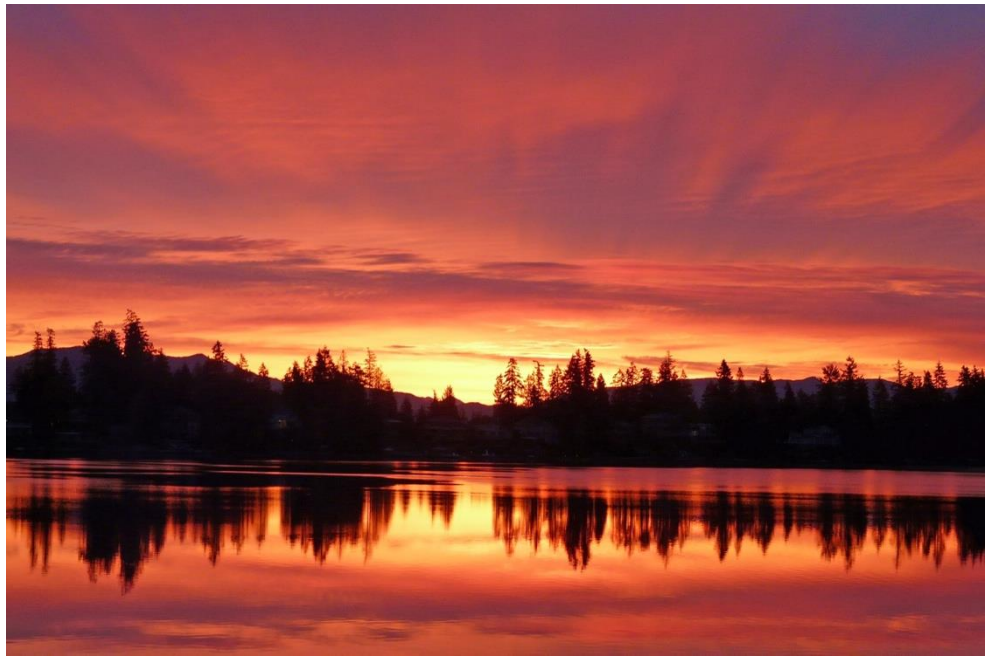
- Allowed to change subs in the RFP, at a cost of points
- Broke down each question we wanted answered into 2-page responses.
- No “tell us your approach” – pointed/specific questions
- Two different approach sections – technical and program management



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Interview – now for the fun!

- No Powerpoint.
- No presentations.
- Role play of a simulated workshop, with a twist
- Pre-interview questions, and live questions
- Observation team



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- Each person only scored one section in each round to remove bias

- Allowed S/W/M/V that have less than $100K to pursue future design contracts
- Specified up front our in-office requirements and what we would pay for. Made firms think about how they staffed the program.

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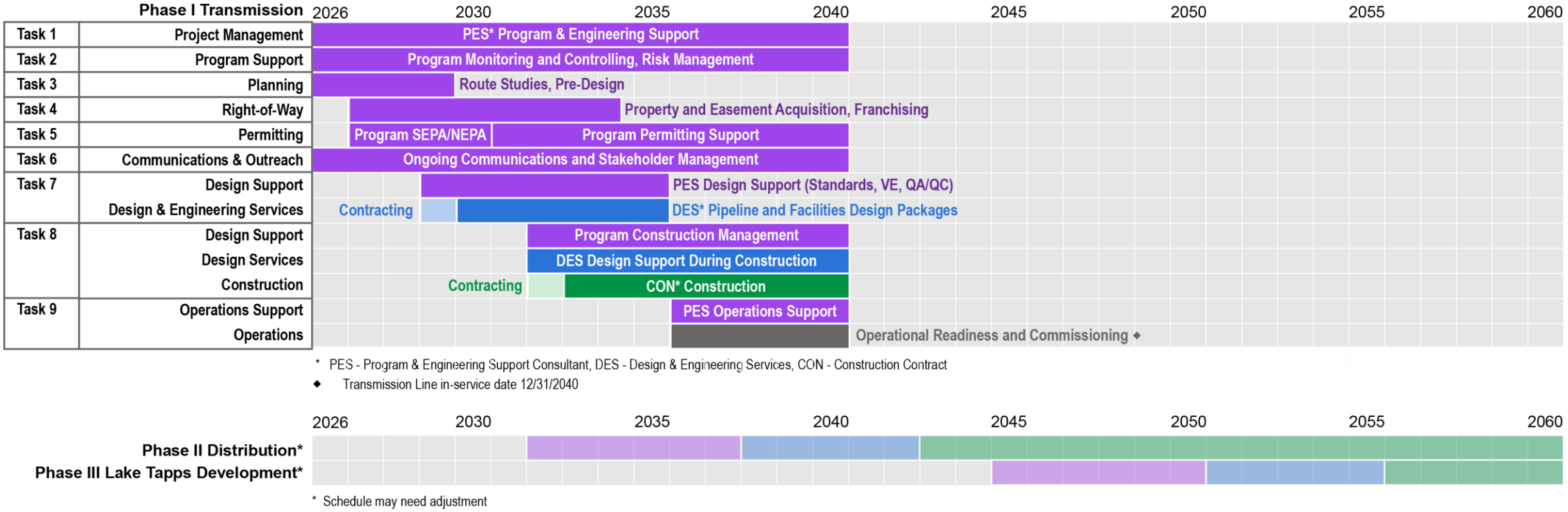
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Program Next Steps – the reason you came today



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