

# CITY OF LYNDEN

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



<b>Meeting Date:</b>	May 17, 2023
<b>Name of Agenda Item:</b>	Update to the County-wide Planning Policies
<b>Section of Agenda:</b>	Discussion
<b>Department:</b>	Community Development Department

### **Attachments:**

Draft Update to the County-wide Planning Policies, Interlocal agreement on Procedures for updating

### **Summary Statement:**

Whatcom County and the cities of Whatcom County finalized an interlocal agreement on the procedures used to amend the County-wide Planning Policies (CWPP). Subsequently a planner subcommittee representing the county, Bellingham and the small cities initiated a review of the policies drafted the attached revisions for consideration.

#### **The process will proceed as follows:**

1. By July 5, the cities and the County will consult with jurisdiction representatives (elected and/or appointed officials, at the discretion of each jurisdiction) relating to the attached preliminary draft CWPP amendments.
2. City/County Planner Group review CWPPs again in July to address any changes proposed as a result of step # 1.
3. City/County Planner Group will review consultant recommendations for CWPPs relating to:
  - Tribal cultural resources in accordance with House Bill 1717, passed in 2022, amending RCW 36.70A.210.
  - Climate change and resiliency in accordance with House Bill 1181, passed in 2023, amending RCW 36.70A.020.
4. City/County Planner Group will finalize the proposal.
5. Ask Executive to initiate the CWPP amendments.
6. The proposed CWPP amendments will be posted on the County website and sent to the County's email list.
7. Follow CWPP amendment procedures in the Interlocal Agreement.

Feedback from the CDC's review will be included as the document edits continue.

### **Recommended Action:**

Review and provide feedback to be reported back to the Planners Group in July.