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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 28, 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Resolution 2025-24 Adopting Comprehensive Plan Climate Element Public Participation Plan
<b>Attachments:</b>	Resolution 2025-24 Adopting Comprehensive Plan Climate Element Public Participation Plan, Climate Element Public Participation Plan
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<b>Approved for Agenda by:</b>	Dan Ford, City Manager

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**Background:**

In 2023, Washington state legislation signed House Bill 1181 into law, creating the requirement for jurisdictions planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) to include a Climate Element within their Comprehensive Plans. The City of Toppenish is currently engaged in updating its Comprehensive Plan and the creation of the Climate Element as a portion of the update. Considering that the Climate Element is brand new to both Cities and residents, a Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been created to engage the public for input during the Element's creation.

**Discussion:**

The City of Toppenish values and needs public participation and input as a part of the creation of the Comprehensive Plan's Climate Element, as such, the City in coordination with our consulting firm, HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc (HLA) and the Climate Advisory Policy Team have developed a Public Participation Plan (PPP). This PPP is intended to guide public outreach efforts throughout the process to ensure early and continuous involvement in decision making. Efforts to encourage participation will continue over the course of the Comprehensive Plan and Climate Element update. The document outlines the public participation opportunities for Toppenish's Climate Element update, including public engagement methods, timeline, and implementation strategies.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Recommendation:**

Approve Resolution 2025-24, adopting a Public Participation Plan for the creation of the Comprehensive Plan's Climate Element.