

TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Manager
DATE: November 20, 2025
SUBJECT: Technical Services Agreement with King County for Regional Collaboration for Better Resilience Outcomes in the Puget Sound Basin

1) Recommended Action:

Place the Technical Services Agreement with King County for the Regional Collaboration for Better Resilience Outcomes in the Puget Sound Basin on the December 2, 2025 City Council consent calendar, with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

2) Background:

To be most effective for our community, city climate work must include both reducing emissions and adapting to climate hazards. To date, the city has focused on emissions reductions with the implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan. The work proposed under this contract will provide data on the city's sensitivities, exposure, and adaptive capacity to climate hazards and will recommend projects to increase the city's resilience long term. Many actions in the Climate Element of the Comprehensive Plan will be informed by the findings of this work.

3) Policy Support:

- City Council Strategic Priorities and Goals 2025 – 2026: Be a leader in Environmental Health and Sustainability.
 - Draft Climate Element of the Tumwater Comprehensive Plan (2025 Update), Draft Implementation Action CL-3.1.1.
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Do not complete the vulnerability assessment. The result of this would result in changing climate conditions not being considered in the design of city infrastructure, programs, and community impacts.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

This Technical Services Agreement incurs no cost to the city other than staff time.

6) Attachments:

- A. Technical Services Agreement with King County