

TO: City Council
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SUBJECT: Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region Update

1) Recommended Action:

Discuss the update process for the *Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region*.

2) Background:

Earthquakes, landslides, severe storms, floods, wildland fires, volcanic events, and other less common hazards cause lengthy disruptions and are costly to communities, the state, and the federal government. Hazard mitigation planning is intended to identify and implement sustained actions that eliminate long-term risks to life and property.

The City Council adopted the third edition of the *Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region* in 2017. The Plan was based on a multi-jurisdictional process to develop mitigation strategies to reduce the risks of the most destructive hazards that threaten the region. The City is required to update their plan every five years to maintain eligibility for federal mitigation grant programs. The City has an annex in the Plan that identified initiatives that the City will undertake to address hazards present in the City.

Over 20 local agencies in Thurston County are working together to prepare the fourth edition of the Plan in 2022-23. Several workgroup meetings will be held, and other opportunities for public engagement will be publicized on the project website (<https://trpc.org/160/Hazards-Mitigation-Plan>).

3) Policy Support:

Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element Goal LU-6.5: Ensure implementation of the *Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region* to reduce or eliminate the human and economic costs of natural disasters for the overall good and welfare of the community.

4) Alternatives:

☐ None

5) Fiscal Notes:

This is an internally funded work program task, although individual actions in the updated plan may have a cost if eventually pursued.

6) Attachments:

A. Presentation