

TO: City Council
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: September 19, 2023
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County, Cities of Olympia and Lacey for implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan

1) Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement between Thurston County, City of Lacey, City of Olympia, and City of Tumwater to support regionally coordinated implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan.

2) Background:

The Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP) was accepted by the City Council via Resolution R2021-001 on January 19, 2021. When the TCMP was first accepted, the implementation strategy and Interlocal Agreement (ILA) were designed with the assumption that there would be limited staff capacity to implement the Plan. However, each of the four jurisdiction parties has now hired dedicated sustainability/climate staff. Additionally, the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) is no longer a party to the ILA, as elements of the administrative program have changed and are generally outside of TRPC's focus areas.

This new ILA seeks to recalibrate the regional agreement and work to be reflective of the current situation and capacity. This ILA is intended to replace the previous ILA signed by Mayor Sullivan on February 17, 2022. This ILA was recommended by the Executive Committee (previously called the Climate Action Steering Committee) at their July 24, 2023 meeting to be brought to each jurisdiction party for approval.

3) Policy Support:

2023-2024 Strategic Priority: Be a Leader in Environmental Sustainability.

- Continue to update and advance the Climate Action Plan.
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4) Alternatives:

☐ Recommend revisions to the Interlocal Agreement or decline to participate.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The proposed 15-month (October 2023 – December 2024) budget for the administrative tasks, Greenhouse Gas inventory, and new website development is \$47,500. Additional funding will be requested later for regional priority action implementation and potential Plan updates.

6) Attachments:

A. Interlocal Agreement