

TO: City Council
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DATE: February 8, 2022
SUBJECT: Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Phase 4 Interlocal Agreement

1) Recommended Action:

Forward the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Phase 4 Interlocal Agreement to Council for approval.

2) Background:

The *Sustainable Thurston Plan* was adopted by the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) in 2013 and subsequently accepted by Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater. The *Sustainable Thurston Plan* sets a goal for the Thurston County region to move toward carbon-neutrality, recommended supporting emissions-reduction targets through 2050, and it identified the creation of a regional climate action plan as a first action step.

The regional climate action plan consists of two parts: 1) the *Thurston Climate Adaptation Plan* adopted by TRPC in January 2018, and 2) the *Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan* accepted by the four jurisdictions in 2021, which includes actions aimed at reducing communitywide emissions 45 percent below 2015 levels by 2030 and 85 percent below 2015 levels by 2050.

The draft Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Phase 4 Interlocal Agreement will implement Phase 4 of implementation of the *Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan* and assign proportionate costs for the first year.

3) Policy Support:

Conservation Element Policy C-1.6: Reduce communitywide greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent below 2015 levels by 2030 and 85 percent below 2015 levels by 2050 to ensure that local communities do their part to keep the global average temperature from rising more than 2°C.

Conservation Element Policy C-1.7: Implement the strategies contained in the most recent version of the accepted *Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan*.

Land Use Element Policy LU-1.14: Coordinate the Land Use Element with the strategies in the most recent version of the *Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan*.

4) Alternatives:

☐ None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

This is an internally funded work program task. Each jurisdiction will allocate in-kind staff time of at minimum 0.25 FTE/year for three years to implement this Agreement, in addition, the first year budget request is \$55,077. The outline of project costs is included with the agreement.

6) Attachments:

A. Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Phase 4 Interlocal Agreement and 2022 Work Plan