

TO: Planning Commission
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DATE: January 23, 2024
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2024-001, Fourth Edition Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region

1) Recommended Action:

Conduct a public hearing on Resolution No. R2024-001, hear public testimony, and forward a recommendation for approval to the City Council of the resolution.

2) Background:

The Thurston Region is susceptible to many natural hazards. In order to receive federal mitigation funding and assistance in the event of a natural disaster, the City must develop a plan to reduce impacts to people, property, and the economy.

The City Council adopted the third edition of the *Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region* in 2017. The 2017 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 and have it approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to maintain eligibility for federal mitigation grant programs. The City has an annex as part of the Plan that identified initiatives that the City will undertake to address hazards present in the City.

Over twenty local agencies in Thurston County have been working together with the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) to prepare the fourth edition of the Plan since 2022. The Plan is currently being reviewed by FEMA. The TRPC project website is here [4th Edition Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region](#).

The Planning Commission discussed the resolution and plan in a work session at their January 9, 2024 meeting and scheduled the public hearing. The public notice for the hearing was published and posted on January 12, 2024.

3) Alternatives:

- ☐ Modify the resolution and recommend City Council approve Resolution No. R2024-001
 - ☐ Recommend City Council reject Resolution No. R2024-001
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4) Attachments:

- A. Resolution No. R2024-001
- B. Presentation
- C. Tumwater Annex to the Fourth Edition of *the Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region*