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SUBJECT: Resolution – Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaboration – December 5, 2017
DATE: November 16, 2017

SUMMARY:

A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals of the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative pledge to work across the Puget Sound Region to ensure that our communities, economy, and environment are resilient to the impacts of a changing climate.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

The Collaborative will work across the Puget Sound Region to ensure that our communities, economy, and environment are resilient to the impacts of a changing climate.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, working with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and several peers in the four county region, has developed a Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative. In 2015, the PSRC began hosting staff from its four-county area to discuss climate change preparedness efforts and explore interest in forming a regional collaborative, as has been done in several locations in the country. Staff from the Institute for Sustainable Cities has helped facilitate discussions and development with funding from the Kresge Foundation.

Initiating partners for the Collaborative include the Puget Sound Regional Council; the cities of Seattle and Tacoma; King, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties; and the Port of Seattle. The University of Washington Climate Impacts Group has also played a key supporting role. While the primary audience is local, regional, and tribal governments, partnering with non-governmental organizations and universities is also anticipated.

A pledge of commitment and action has been developed and the Collaborative was launched at the NW Climate Conference on October 10, 2017. A briefing was provided to the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee on October 11, 2017. The Committee requested a resolution be brought before the full Council for consideration.

ISSUE:

The goal of the Collaborative is to work across the Puget Sound region to ensure that our communities, economy, and environment are resilient to the impacts of a changing climate.

The Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaboration Pledge has been developed for signing by County and City officials. Staff request support by adopting a resolution for the City of Tacoma.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council could decide not become a party to the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaboration.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council adopt this resolution to enable the City to be a party to the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaboration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.