



RESOLUTION NO. 39880

1 A RESOLUTION confirming the City's commitment to participate in forming the
2 Puget Sound Regional Climate Preparedness Collaborative action for the
3 purpose of preparing for climate impacts to the City and the Central Puget
4 Sound region.

4 WHEREAS the City and Central Puget Sound region are experiencing sea
5 level rise, increasing temperatures, changes in precipitation, a long-term decline in
6 snow and ice, and ocean acidification, and

7 WHEREAS these trends are projected to continue and to accelerate in the
8 coming decades, increasing the potential for flooding, landslides, summer drought,
9 wildfire, disruption of ecological communities, and other impacts in our region, and

10 WHEREAS these impacts increase risks to our public health, infrastructure,
11 safety, local economies, and environment, and

12 WHEREAS protecting public health and safety, providing critical
13 infrastructure, supporting economic prosperity, and protecting natural and treaty
14 trust resources are core roles for tribal, local, and regional governments, and

15 WHEREAS coordinated efforts with local partners across the region will
16 improve efforts to build the region's preparedness for existing natural hazards,
17 including droughts, wildfire, seismic, and extreme weather events, and

18 WHEREAS climate preparedness augments and is complementary to the
19 City's existing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as outlined in the City's
20 Environmental Action Plan, and

21 WHEREAS concerted action and investments to prepare for climate impacts
22 and build resilience offer opportunities to address broader inequities in health,
23 mobility, and access to economic opportunity, and



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WHEREAS tribal, local, and regional governments face similar challenges in assessing climate change impacts and risks and developing climate preparedness strategies with limited resources, and

WHEREAS climate impacts, such as changing rainfall patterns or sea level rise, often cross jurisdictional and service area boundaries, and

WHEREAS the Pacific Northwest is home to world-recognized climate research institutions that contribute greatly to our common understanding of regional climate impacts, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, by sharing information on climate impacts, pooling resources and expertise, and collaborating on approaches to climate preparedness research and action, we can serve our communities, customers, and taxpayers more effectively and efficiently, and

WHEREAS, by working together to define shared climate change risks and actions, our investments will have greater impact and visibility, and

WHEREAS upcoming updates to Transportation 2040 and Vision 2040 for the Central Puget Sound Region create opportunities to integrate the latest information on climate impacts and vulnerabilities into regional transportation, growth, and economic development plans; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City of Tacoma hereby confirms its commitment to participate in forming the Puget Sound Regional Climate Preparedness Collaborative, and to work together with participating entities to pursue the following shared actions:



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A. Capacity Building: Build shared understanding of regional climate

impacts in Central Puget Sound and best practices for climate preparedness through information sharing, joint workshops and training, and periodic meetings.

B. Community Engagement: Collaborate with communities in an

effort to better understand how climate change will impact public health, safety, and economic opportunities for diverse communities across Central Puget Sound, with an emphasis on understanding how climate change can worsen existing disparities in health outcomes, economic opportunity, and environmental impacts.

C. Communications: Develop and communicate consistent, reliable,

and easily accessible information on climate impacts and risks in Central Puget Sound informed by current science and reflecting the concerns and priorities of impacted communities.

D. Coordinated Research: Identify and pursue opportunities for joint

research and assessment of climate impacts that can be accomplished more efficiently and effectively through coordinated efforts.

E. Funding and Resources: Jointly pursue grant, foundation, and

other funding to support our efforts to strengthen understanding of climate impacts and climate preparedness across the Central Puget Sound Region.

F. Planning: Seek and consider information on climate impacts and

risks to public health and safety, critical infrastructure, economy, treaty trust resources, and our natural environment as part of regional planning efforts like Transportation 2040 and Vision 2040, and make recommendations to strengthen



1 climate preparedness and community resiliency in local, regional, state, tribal, and
2 federal policies and plans.

3 Section 2. That, in order to accomplish the objectives outlined in Section 1
4 above, and subject to available resources, staff from the participating entities will
5 meet quarterly to develop and implement a work program that supports and
6 advances collaboration for the objectives outlined above.

7 Section 3. That the participating entities will convene annually to review
8 current information on climate impacts and best practices, review progress on
9 collaborative efforts, and develop recommendations for joint action for the following
10 year.
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15 Mayor

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19 City Clerk

20 Approved as to form:
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23 Chief Deputy City Attorney
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