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SUBJECT: Resolution Request—Promulgation of Revised City of Tacoma Comprehensive
Emergency Management Plan—December 17, 2013
DATE: November 25, 2013

SUMMARY:

The City of Tacoma Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan has been updated, as required by Washington State regulation, and now requires promulgation by the City Council to be implemented.

BACKGROUND:

The State of Washington requires every jurisdiction that desires recognition as an emergency management organization to produce and keep current a comprehensive emergency management plan. The current City of Tacoma Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is due for update by December 31, 2013. Having a current, promulgated plan allows the City of Tacoma to seek reimbursement from the federal government for expenses incurred secondary to a locally declare emergency or disaster.

ISSUE:

The City of Tacoma Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is a required component for the City to be recognized by the federal/state government as a direct recipient of disaster relief funding. In the absence of this document, all federal/state funding received for a disaster within the City of Tacoma would be directed to Pierce County for distribution, as determined by Pierce County.

ALTERNATIVES:

Optionally, the City of Tacoma can relinquish its current recognition as an emergency management organization and contract emergency management services from the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council promulgate the updated City of Tacoma Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan by resolution to retain the City of Tacoma's recognition as a local emergency management organization and the ability to directly receive disaster relief funding. The updated plan should be promulgated prior to the expiration of the current plan, which will occur on December 31, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.