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SUBJECT: Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaboration Pledge
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SUMMARY:

The Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability (OEPS) working with the Puget Sound Regional Council has developed a Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative. A pledge of commitment and action has been developed and the Collaborative was launched at the NW Climate Conference on October 10, 2017. We propose the City recognize and support the goals of the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative by embodying the pledge in the form of a proclamation.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Puget Sound Regional Council (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 throughout the country. Staff from The Institute for Sustainable Cities (ISC) 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.

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 requests support to put it into proclamation format for the City of Tacoma.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not use the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaboration Pledge as basis for a proclamation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is not an interlocal agreement and no funding or cash match is committed by this pledge.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends putting the pledge into proclamation format indicating broad support for commitment and action as a regional effort to increase preparedness of the effects of climate change.

