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SUBJECT: Update of City of Tacoma Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
DATE: October 11, 2018

PRESENTATION TYPE:

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Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this memo is to inform Council that the City of Tacoma Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is in the process of being updated, as required by Washington State regulation, and will ultimately require 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, 2019. Having a current promulgated plan allows the City of Tacoma to seek reimbursement from the federal government for expenses incurred secondary to a locally declared 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. This document must be updated every five years and requires coordination and input from all City departments and divisions, as well as input from other governmental and community organizations. In the absence of this document, all federal/state funding received for a disaster occurring within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Tacoma would be directed to Pierce County for distribution, as determined by Pierce County.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.