

Draft Resolution for the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan

December 2020

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION accepting the *Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (2020)* as a framework to guide future action addressing local sources of greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change.

WHEREAS, Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater believe that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are accelerating global climate change and resulting in local impacts, including sea-level rise, ocean acidification, and more frequent and intense heavy precipitation events, floods, droughts, and wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Cities agree that impacts from climate change pose an urgent threat to public health, public infrastructure, and the quality of life of residents in the Thurston region; and

WHEREAS, the *Sustainable Thurston Plan* adopted by Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) in 2013, and subsequently adopted accepted by the County and cities, sets a goal for the Thurston region to move toward carbon neutrality, and identified the creation of a regional climate action plan as a first action step; and

WHEREAS, a regional climate action plan consists of two parts: (1) the emissions reducing mitigation plan referenced in this Resolution; and (2) the *Thurston Climate Adaptation Plan* adopted by TRPC in 2018; and

WHEREAS, in TTKT Thurston County adopted Resolution TTKTKT accepting the *Thurston Climate Adaptation Plan*; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 [CHOOSE: Thurston County adopted Resolution 15644/the City of Lacey adopted Resolution 1062/the City of Olympia adopted Resolution M-1976/the City of Tumwater adopted Resolution R2018-015] adopting common targets to reduce communitywide greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent below 2015 levels by 2030 and 85 percent below 2015 levels by 2050 to ensure that local communities do their part to keep the global average temperature from rising more than 2°C; and

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WHEREAS, the County and the Cities signed an interlocal agreement in 2018 to contract with Thurston Regional Planning Council to develop a Regional Climate Mitigation Plan and develop Implementation Strategies to be administered by each party; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County/the City of Lacey/Olympia/Tumwater was an active member of the Steering Committee for the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan, which guided development of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Climate Advisory Workgroup made up of public- and private-sector members of the community with subject matter expertise in energy, construction and building design, real estate, transportation, land use, wastewater, water supply, agriculture, forestry, education, economic development, climate advocacy, community outreach, youth and tribal perspectives provided input on the Plan, including recommended actions; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of community members participated in developing the Plan through focus group meetings, community workshops, interviews, surveys, and other outreach methods over the course of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee with input from the Climate Advisory Workgroup articulated the following vision for the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan: "Thurston County, Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater,

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and neighboring tribes recognize the urgent threat and opportunity that climate change poses to our community's economy, public health, public safety, and environment. We will work together to identify and boldly implement the most effective, efficient, and equitable actions to reduce locally generated greenhouse gas emissions to protect current and future generations from the most severe impacts of climate change," and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee completed the Plan, identifying a framework for future climate action, including strategies and actions sufficient to meet the emission reduction targets adopted by the parties; and

WHEREAS, continued coordination, monitoring, and public outreach will be essential to achieving the vision laid out in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Plan can only be successful if implemented on a communitywide basis with ongoing support from local governments, private entities, utilities, nonprofits, community groups, neighborhoods, and the public;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY [CITY/COUNTY] AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The **City Council/Board of Commissioners** accepts the document "*Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan*" as a resource for providing background information, informed strategies and actions, and a viable framework for coordinated climate action in the Thurston region.

Section 2. The **City Council/Board of Commissioners** will support implementation of the *Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan* through participation in a Climate Action Implementation Committee and supporting monitoring and public outreach efforts as detailed in the "Phase 3 Interlocal Agreement and Scope of Work for Climate Plan Implementation;" and

Section 3. The **City Council/Board of Commissioners** acknowledges a continuing role for Thurston Regional Planning Council to ~~lead-coordinate~~ regional efforts to address climate change, ~~coordinate-and~~ multijurisdictional participation in implementation of the Plan, share best practices and funding opportunities, and monitor progress toward climate goals and targets; and

Section 4. The **City Council/Board of Commissioners** ~~will-agreed to~~ move the Plan forward to their respective staff and planning groups for integration, as appropriate, of relevant action into local plans, regulations, and programs.

Section 5. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 6. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

RESOLVED this _____ day of _____ 2021.

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