

RESOLUTION NO. R2021-001

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 Thurston region residents; and

WHEREAS, the *Sustainable Thurston* Plan adopted by the Thurston Regional Planning Council in 2013, and subsequently 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 the Thurston Regional Planning Council in 2018; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City of Tumwater adopted Resolution R2018-015, agreeing to 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

WHEREAS, the County and the Cities signed an interlocal agreement in the fall of 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, City of 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 more than thirty public- and private-sector members of the community with subject matter expertise

provided input on the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan, including recommended actions; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of community members participated in developing the Thurston Climate Mitigation 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, 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 Thurston Climate Mitigation 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 Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston Climate Mitigation 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 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council 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 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.”

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

Section 4. The City Council agrees to move the Thurston Climate Mitigation 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 acceptance and signature as provided by law.

RESOLVED this 19th day of January, 2021.

CITY OF TUMWATER

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