



City Council

Approval of Resolution Adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region and the Olympia Annex

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the resolution adopting the Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region and the Olympia Annex, and authorize the City Manager to execute of any and all documents.

Report

Issue:

Whether to adopt the Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region, and the Olympia Annex.

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Background and Analysis:

The third edition of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region is the result of a multi-jurisdictional process to develop a mitigation strategy to reduce the risks of the most destructive hazards that threaten the region. This plan specifically addresses communities and special districts within Thurston County. This regional cooperative approach, led by Paul Brewster at TRPC, has provided a comprehensive document at minimal cost to the participating regional partners.

The Olympia Annex describes the City's mitigation planning process and expands upon the regional

plan by identifying unique characteristics of the jurisdiction, detailing the City's Risk Rating for all appropriate hazards, cataloging the City's past, current, and proposed Mitigation Initiatives, and documenting the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. The Olympia Annex identifies potential City specific projects, designed to mitigate the impacts of those hazards that could be undertaken in the future depending on funding, direction and need. The projects, known as mitigation initiatives, were developed by the Emergency Management Committee based on input from each City department as represented in the Emergency Management Committee. The plan has been reviewed by Olympia Community Planning and Development to assure that it does not conflict with the Comprehensive Plan nor does it create potential conflicts with other City work.

The Olympia Annex of the Regional Mitigation Plan is a supplementary document to the City's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the basis upon which the City's Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Analysis is derived. In order to apply for certain types of state and federal grants the City must have current Hazards Mitigation and Comprehensive Emergency Management plans.

The Thurston Region plan has received state and federal approval and has been adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. The Olympia annex has received state and federal approval. The final step for the Olympia document is the adoption of the Regional plan and the Olympia Annex. Staff will then post the approval to the appropriate county, state and federal offices to complete the process.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The Olympia Annex documents known hazards throughout the City and is consequently a resource the public can use when preparing for disasters and emergencies.

Options:

1. Approve the resolution adopting the Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region, and the Olympia Annex and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary.
2. Do not approve the resolution, understanding that certain state and federal emergency management grant programs will be unavailable to the city.
3. Direct staff to create an Olympia only Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Financial Impact:

None.

Attachments:

Resolution
Olympia Annex
[Hyperlink to the full Thurston Region Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)