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RESOLUTION 27, 2016

WORK PLAN FOR ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE POTENTIAL IMPACTS

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS finds as follows:

1. The North Olympic Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development Council conducted a multi-stakeholder process in 2014-2015 to collect the best available science to assess the vulnerabilities and priorities for climate change preparedness, titled "Climate Change Preparedness Plan for the North Olympic Peninsula."
2. Local vulnerabilities were identified by representatives from Clallam County, from the cities within the County, civic and non-governmental organizations, economic interests, individual citizens, and recognized experts.
3. The report identified a number of vulnerabilities that, if not addressed, could result in serious hardships, costs, and adverse health effects to the citizens of Clallam County; proactive planning is much more effective and less costly than reacting to impacts as they happen.
5. Recognizing and addressing vulnerabilities will help the County protect citizens from making costly development mistakes and reduce exposure to potential litigation, and place the County in a better position to qualify for federal and state assistance for adaptation funds.
6. Credible documentation exists to minimize the effort required to address the climate change vulnerabilities projected for Clallam County. A publication titled, "Washington State Integrated Climate Change Response Strategy" lays out a framework that decision-makers can use to help protect their communities, natural resources, and economy from the impacts of climate change.
7. The Washington State Departments; e.g. Commerce, Transportation, Ecology and cities; e.g. Sequim and Port Angeles have begun discussing climate change adaptation strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners, in consideration of the above findings of fact:

1. The departments of Washington State University (WSU) Extension, Health and Human Services, Public Works, and Parks, Fair, and Facilities shall consider the projected climate change impacts and adaptation strategies contained in "Climate Change Preparedness Plan for the North Olympic Peninsula" and address applicable findings when proposing their 2017 work plan and budget.
2. Encourages the Director of the Department of Community Development and the Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division to assure the projected climate change impacts and adaptation strategies contained in "Climate Change Preparedness Plan for the North Olympic Peninsula" are reflected in their respective 2017 budgets and incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this twelfth day of April 2016

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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Mike Chapman, Chair

  
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Trish Holden, CMC, Clerk of the Board