AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
(Must be submitted NLT 3PM Wednesday for next week agenda)

Department: BOCC

WORK SESSION  ☑ Meeting Date: 2/12/18

REGULAR AGENDA  ☐ Meeting Date:

Required Originals Approved and Attached? ☐

Will Be Provided On:

Item Summary:

☐ Call for Hearing  ☐ Contract/Agreement/MOU**  Contract #
☐ Resolution  ☐ Proclamation  ☐ Budget Item
☐ Draft Ordinance  ☐ Final Ordinance  ☑ Other – Discussion – Climate Change Resolution

Executive Summary:
In 2008, a Climate Advisory Group comprised of employee volunteers met to discuss County practices that could positively affect the environment and reduce the County's carbon footprint and to develop recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. The Climate Advisory Group developed a formal Climate Action Plan which was presented to and formally adopted by the Board of Commissioners in April 2009. County employees subsequently implemented many of the strategies outlined in the Climate Action Plan, helping to reduce the County's carbon footprint. In 2018, climate change continues to be an important global issue with many local impacts including increased likelihood of storm surge and coastal flooding, increased likelihood of low snow pack and water shortage and ocean acidification. The need exists to develop and assess additional mitigation and adaptation strategies that could be implemented to further lessen the County's carbon footprint and protect County residents, property and infrastructure from the anticipated impacts of climate change.

Budgetary Impact: (Is there a monetary impact? If so, are funds for this already allocated or is a budget change necessary? If this is a contract and a budget change is necessary, the budget change form must be submitted with the item at work session and for the regular agenda) If a budget Action is required, has it been submitted and a copy attached? ☐
None

Recommended Action: (Does the Board need to act? If so, what is the department's recommendation?)
Discussion only

County Official Signature: ____________________________

Date Submitted: January 17, 2018
RESOLUTION __________, 2018

AUTHORIZING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN CLALLAM COUNTY

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS finds as follows:

1. In 2008, a Climate Advisory Group comprised of employee volunteers met to discuss County practices that could positively affect the environment and reduce the County’s carbon footprint and to develop recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

2. The Climate Advisory Group developed a formal Climate Action Plan which was presented to and formally adopted by the Board of Commissioners in April 2009.

3. County employees subsequently implemented many of the suggestions and strategies outlined in the Climate Action Plan, helping to reduce the County’s carbon footprint.

4. In 2018, climate change continues to be an important global issue with many local impacts including increased likelihood of storm surge and coastal flooding, increased likelihood of low snow pack and water shortage and ocean acidification.

5. The need exists to develop and assess additional mitigation and adaptation strategies that could be implemented to further lessen the County’s carbon footprint and protect County residents, property and infrastructure from the anticipated impacts of climate change.

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

1. The Washington State University Extension Office and the Department of Community Development will work collaboratively to lead an effort to review the Clallam County Comprehensive Plan and prepare suggestions for updates, changes or new strategies that will improve citizens’ ability to prepare for and address the impacts and anticipated impacts of climate change.

2. Employees will be invited to re-convene the Climate Action Group, first established as an ad hoc committee in 2008, in order to specifically review internal County policies and procedures and forward suggestions for additional strategies that could be implemented in order to further reduce the County’s carbon footprint.

3. The Board of Commissioners will lead an effort to engage the broader community in a conversation about additional climate change mitigation or adaptation strategies or efforts that could be implemented on a community-wide scale.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ________________ day of _______________________, 2018.

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Ozias, Chair

ATTEST:

Randy Johnson

Loni Gores, Clerk of the Board

Bill Peach