



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 10/9/14
Agenda Item #: R.3
Est. Start Time: 9:55 am
Date Submitted: 9/25/14

Agenda Title: **RESOLUTION Adopting the Joint Multnomah County/City of Portland Climate Change Preparation Strategy**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: October 9th, 2014 **Time Needed:** 30 mins

Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** Office of Sustainability

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Tim Lynch & John Wasiutynski (Office of Sustainability), Jae Douglas (Health Department), and Michele Crim (City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability)

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adopt resolution accepting the joint Portland/Multnomah Climate Change Preparation Strategy and supporting Risk & Vulnerabilities assessment; and directing County Departments to implement the recommended strategies in the Strategy.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

In 2009, Multnomah County and the City of Portland adopted the Climate Action Plan, a roadmap for reducing community wide greenhouse gas emissions in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change on our community. While significant progress has been made to reduce emissions locally, global emissions have continued to rise, putting our community at risk. The Climate Change Preparation Strategy was developed to protect people and our natural and built environments from the impacts of climate change. The Climate Change Preparation Strategy uses the best available science to identify how Multnomah County will be impacted, assesses the ways that we are prepared or vulnerable for these impacts, and identifies a set of strategies to strengthen the climate resiliency of our community. Development of the Strategy was supported by and its implementation aligns with the goals of several County programs, including Program Offer#10018A - Office of Sustainability, and Program #40037 - Environmental Health Education, Outreach and Housing.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

There is no immediate fiscal impact. The actions in the Climate Change Preparation Strategy are focused on leveraging existing programs and projects at the County. Strategies outlined in the Plan will be implemented in the current budget year using existing resources. In subsequent years, Departments may request additional funding if necessary and at their discretion through the normal budget approval process.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

Multnomah County Board adopted Resolution No. 09-133, directing implementation of the 2009 Climate Action Plan. Among other activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Climate Action Plan also directed staff at County to jointly develop with the City of Portland a plan to prepare our community for the impacts of climate change.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

A public comment period was completed for the Climate Change Preparation Plan, and that input has been incorporated into the Plan. In addition, significant outreach to a number of key stakeholders was completed including state agencies (Oregon Health Authority, Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Department of Land Conservation and Development), and academic institutions (Oregon Climate Change Research Institute at Oregon State University, Climate Impacts Group at the University of Washington, and Portland State University).

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department**

Director: Nancy Bennett /s/ **Date:** 9/25/14

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