April 17, 2015

Mr. Doug Peters
Watershed Planner, Growth Management Services
Local Government & Infrastructure Division
Washington State Department of Commerce
1011 Plum Street SE, Olympia, WA. 98504

Dear Mr. Peters:

Thurston Regional Planning Council is pleased to submit a grant proposal for a Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds.

Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) will serve as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop a Climate Adaptation Plan using a watershed-based approach for Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

The plan will identify clear adaptation strategies to address climate change vulnerabilities and risks to the natural and built environments. The strategies will be integrated into Thurston County’s Comprehensive Plan update process and help inform other local planning efforts, including the shoreline master program and hazards mitigation plan. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Lon D. Wyrick
Executive Director
Creating Solutions for Our Future

April 15, 2015

Lon Wyrick, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Ct. S.W. Suite A
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick:

Thurston County is pleased to be a partner in the development of a *Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds.*

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments.

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County, and better inform the region’s hazard mitigation planning. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan – built from three years of community visioning.

Thurston County will take an active role in plan development, and the lead in implementing plan goals, policies, and strategies into Thurston County’s Comprehensive Plan update.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Scott Clark
Director, Resource Stewardship Department
Lon Wyrick, Executive Director  
Thurston Regional Planning Council  
2424 Heritage Ct. S.W. Suite A  
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick,

The Earth Economics is pleased to be a partner in the development of a **Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds.**

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County, and better inform the region’s hazard mitigation planning. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

Earth Economics will support the project by developing return on investment estimates for select strategies identified by stakeholders during the process of developing a climate adaptation plan (as the funding level identified in the grant proposal allows). Earth Economics provides robust, science-based, ecologically sound economic analysis, policy recommendations and tools to positively transform regional, national and international economics, and asset accounting systems.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Dave Batker,  
Executive Director
April 20, 2015

Lon Wyrick, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Ct. S.W. Suite A
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick:

The Nisqually River Council is pleased to be a partner in the development of a Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds.

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

The project will leverage the investment the Nisqually River Council (NRC) has made in developing “Forest and Water Climate Adaptation – A Plan for the Nisqually Watershed” by expanding topics explored to include infrastructure and agriculture, as well as support efforts in the adjacent Deschutes watershed.

We will support the project by sharing materials and resources gathered during our planning effort and will attend stakeholder meetings. The NRC will also coordinate with TRPC throughout the planning process.

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County and the region’s hazard mitigation planning. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

David A. Troutt
Chair

Collaboration, Education, Advocacy
March 18, 2015

Mr. Lon Wyrick, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Court SW, Suite A
Olympia, Washington 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick:

The City of Olympia is pleased to support the development of a *Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds*.

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County, including joint planning efforts in the urban growth areas, and better inform the region’s hazard mitigation planning. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

The City of Olympia will participate in this project by providing access to the wide breadth of climate planning materials the City has developed over the last few decades, especially in the area of sea-level rise in Olympia’s downtown. Staff may also be available to participate in stakeholder interviews and attend meetings as resources allow.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Leonard Bauer, FAICP
Deputy Director
Community Planning and Development
April 8, 2015

Lon Wyrick, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Court SW, Suite A
Olympia, WA  98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick:

The City of Tumwater is pleased to be a partner in the development of a **Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds**.

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County, and better inform the region's hazard mitigation planning. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

The City of Tumwater will actively participate in this project by attending stakeholder meetings as a Climate Adaptation Plan is developed, and utilize the information learned during the process in updates of Tumwater’s planning efforts, as appropriate.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Pete Kmet
Mayor

www.ci.tumwater.wa.us
April 16, 2015

Lon Wyrick, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Ct. S.W. Suite A
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick,

The City of Lacey supports your efforts to develop a *Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds*.

Thurston Regional Planning Council’s (TRPC) role as coordinator and facilitator of this project, will bring together local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders within Thurston County to explore and develop adaptive approaches to land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

We anticipate that the results of this project will inform land use and development regulation updates in the urban and rural areas of Thurston County, joint planning efforts in the urban growth areas, and better inform the region’s hazard mitigation planning. This proposal is consistent with the implementation strategy of the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

The City of Lacey will actively support this effort by providing data and materials developed in the course of updating the City’s Comprehensive Plan, including information related to carbon footprint reduction and resiliency, economic conditions, housing strategies and hazard mitigation planning. City of Lacey staff will also be available for stakeholder interviews, and attend meetings when necessary.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning across our jurisdictional boundaries. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Rick Walk, AICP
Director of Community Development
April 20, 2015

Lon Wyrick, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Ct. S.W. Suite A
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick,

The City of Rainier is pleased to be a partner in the development of a *Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds*.

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County, and better inform the region’s hazard mitigation planning. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

The City of Rainier will actively participate in this project by attending stakeholder meetings as a Climate Adaptation Plan is developed, and utilize information gathered from that process in the update of their various plans, as appropriate.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Randy Schleis, Mayor
Lon Wyrick, Executive Director  
Thurston Regional Planning Council  
2424 Heritage Ct. S.W. Suite A  
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick,

The Squaxin Island Tribe is pleased to be a partner in the development of a *Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds.*

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County and the region’s hazard mitigation planning. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

The Squaxin Island Tribe will actively participate in this project by attending stakeholder and/or scientific advisory meetings as a Climate Adaptation Plan is developed. The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Erica Marbet  
Water Resources Biologist
April 14, 2015

Lon Wyrick, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Ct. S.W. Suite A
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick,

Thurston Conservation District is pleased to be a partner in the development of a *Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds.*

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County and better inform the region’s hazard mitigation planning. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

Thurston Conservation District will actively participate in this project by attending stakeholder meetings as a Climate Adaptation Plan is developed.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Amy Hatch-Winecka
Environmental Program Manager
March 20, 2015

Lon Wyrick, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Ct. S.W. Suite A
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick,

The Thurston Economic Development Council is pleased to be a partner in the development of a Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds. Our organization is the lead economic development agency for Thurston County and is led by a 25-member volunteer Board of Directors pulled from nearly every sector of our county’s economy, geography and demographics. We operate under the mission statement of creating a vital and sustainable economy throughout our county that supports the livelihood and values of our residents.

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County and better inform the region’s hazard mitigation planning. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

The Economic Development Council will actively participate in this project by attending stakeholder meetings as a Climate Adaptation Plan is developed.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Michael Cade
Executive Director
Lon Wyrick, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage C.t. S.W. Suite A
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick,

The Thurston Climate Action Team is pleased to be a partner in the development of a Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds.

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County and better inform the region’s hazard mitigation planning. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

The Thurston Climate Action Team will actively participate in this project by attending stakeholder meetings as a Climate Adaptation Plan is developed.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Graeme Sackrison, Chair
Thurston Climate Action Team
PO Box 13324
Olympia, WA 98508-3324
Lon Wyrick, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Ct. S.W. Suite A
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick,

The Evergreen State College is pleased to be a partner in the development of a *Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds.*

We understand that the goal of this project is to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources). We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) as the coordinator and facilitator of this project, and look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with our local jurisdictions, multiple nonprofits, and other stakeholders. This project is an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County and better inform the region’s hazard mitigation planning. With over 1,000 acres of land adjoining Puget Sound, the college has a strong interest in being an active participant of this collaborative planning process.

The Evergreen State College will actively participate in this project by

- Attending stakeholder meetings as a Climate Adaptation Plan is developed
- Connecting students and academic work with the project, and
- Integrating institutional hazard mitigation and land-use planning with the watershed-scale planning process

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

John A. Hurley
Vice President for Finance and Administration
March 9, 2015

Lon Wyrick, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Ct. S.W. Suite A
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick,

The Port of Olympia is pleased to be a partner in the development of a Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds.

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County, and better inform the region’s hazard mitigation planning. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

The Port of Olympia will actively participate in this project by attending stakeholder meetings as a Climate Adaptation Plan is developed, and integrate strategies into local planning efforts as appropriate.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

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E.B. Galligan
Executive Director
Dear Mr. Wyrick,

The LOTT Clean Water Alliance is pleased to participate in the development of a Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds.

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

LOTT’s past participation in climate change planning has focused primarily on impacts specific to downtown Olympia where our main treatment facility is located. We recently completed a vulnerability assessment regarding climate change for our Budd Inlet Treatment Plant, which serves the urban areas of north Thurston County. We see great value in broadening climate impact planning to the watershed scale and anticipate that the results of this watershed-based project will help LOTT, and the region as a whole, better prepare for climate related impacts. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

The LOTT Clean Water Alliance will actively participate in this project by attending stakeholder meetings as a Climate Adaptation Plan is developed, and integrate strategies into our planning efforts as appropriate.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Michael Strub, Executive Director
LOTT Clean Water Alliance
March 23, 2015

Lon Wyrick, Executive Director
Thurston Regional Planning Council
2424 Heritage Ct. SW Suite A
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Wyrick,

The Olympia School District is pleased to be a partner in the development of a Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment in Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds.

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates, as well as inform our hazard mitigation planning efforts. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

The Olympia School District will actively participate in developing climate change adaptation approaches, and seeking ways to integrate such strategies into local planning efforts.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a Climate Adaptation Strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Priddy
Assistant Superintendent
Dear Mr. Wyrick,

Puget Sound Energy is pleased to be a partner in the development of a **Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment amid Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds**.

We support the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) serving as coordinator and facilitator of this project, which will bring together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerabilities to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

We anticipate that the results of this project will help inform land use and development regulation updates in Thurston County, and better inform the region’s hazard mitigation planning. This project is also an essential element of implementing the region’s recently adopted Sustainable Thurston plan — built from three years of community visioning.

Puget Sound Energy will actively participate in this project by attending stakeholder meetings as a Climate Adaptation Plan is developed, and integrate strategies into local planning efforts as appropriate.

The issues facing our region are best solved by collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders. With a long history of joint planning and critical partnerships already in place, the Thurston Region is ideally situated to tackle the challenge of developing a climate adaptation strategy for the Thurston County’s Puget Sound watersheds.

Sincerely,

Bryan McConaughy
Senior Government Relations
Puget Sound Energy
April 6, 2015

Lon D. Wyrick, Executive Director  
Thurston Regional Planning Council  
2424 Heritage Courts SW, Suite A  
Olympia, WA 98502-6031

Dear Mr. Wyrick:

We are pleased to support the Thurston Regional Planning Council’s (TRPC) application for funding to develop a *Watershed-based Approach to Climate Change Resiliency for the Built and Natural Environment in Thurston County’s Puget Sound Watersheds*.

The Regional Planning Council’s stellar history of managing regional partnerships and convening stakeholders brings a high level of professionalism and credibility to this project. They will coordinate and facilitate, bringing together many local jurisdictions, nonprofits, state agencies, higher education, and others to develop adaptive approaches to making land use decisions based on climate change vulnerability to the natural and built environments (land use, infrastructure, and natural resources).

This project builds on the region’s work on Sustainable Thurston, the Voluntary Stewardship Plan and other successful regional efforts and will help inform land use and development regulations and hazard mitigation planning efforts.

We can best solve the issues facing our region through collaborative planning involving a wide range of stakeholders – the Thurston Region and TRPC are ideally situated to tackle this challenge.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

Senator Karen Fraser  
22nd Legislative District  
Representative Sam Hunt  
22nd Legislative District  
Representative Chris Reykdal  
22nd Legislative District