



# Stakeholder Advisory Committee

## Thurston Regional Planning Council

2424 Heritage Ct. SW, Olympia, WA 98502

Meeting 13 — November 29, 2017

### SUMMARY NOTES

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**Meeting Facilitator:** Paul Brewster, TRPC

**Presenter:** Michael Burnham, TRPC

#### In Attendance:

Name	Organization
Amy Hatch-Winecka	Thurston Conservation District
Andrew Kinney	TC Emergency Management
Barb Scavezze	Resident
Candace Penn	Squaxin Island Tribe
Chris Hawkins	TC Public Health
Cynthia Pratt	Lacey
Dan Smith	Tumwater
Jason Robertson	Jason Robertson and Co.
Jeanne Kinney	TC Public Works
Kelsey Hulse	Puget Sound Energy
Mark Mauer	TC Water Resources
Scott Davis	TC Public Works
Scott Morgan	The Evergreen State College

#### Greeting and Introduction

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Paul Brewster acted as the facilitator for this meeting. Brewster opened the meeting by thanking the stakeholders for their participation. Marc Daily, TRPC's Executive Director, also thanked the stakeholders for their participation. Brewster asked each person present to introduce him- or herself.

#### Presentation: Draft Plan Presentation

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Mike Burnham gave a brief presentation updating the stakeholders on the plan's fall outreach efforts and the draft plan and actions.

In October, the project team posted the draft plan online, asking for the public's feedback. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, the project team participated in Arts Walk, hosting the "Art of Change" event dealing with climate change and. As part of the booth, TRPC brought along the game, Resilience Road (a companion to the plan) for members of the public to play.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, Burnham attended the Northwest Climate Conference and presented the plan, poster, and game. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, the project team attended a climate change symposium at Stafford Creek Corrections Center (as part of the Evergreen State College's Sustainability in Prisons Project) and led an interactive climate action exercise based on the board game.

In November, the draft plan was updated based on feedback received during the October outreach and reposted online. Burnham also presented the plan to the Thurston County Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners. Overall, the project team has met with more than 20 organizations and reached more than 50,000 with the outreach efforts.

Burnham also provided an overview of the draft plan, which explores how observed and projected climate impacts affect the Thurston Region. A total of 91 actions are recommended in the draft plan, which is anticipated to be adopted by TRPC in January 2018. The plan is designed so that it explains complex information simply and is paired with maps, photos, and graphics that help tell the story. Technical information is provided as appendices to the plan. The plan also includes an online Resilience Toolkit that provides links to TRPC's Hazards Vulnerability map, climate data, and preparedness resources (see [www.trpc.org/resiliencetoolkit](http://www.trpc.org/resiliencetoolkit) for more information).

Burnham concluded his presentation by providing an overview of the actions in the plan and the process to develop it. Next steps include TRPC's adoption of the plan in January, integrating actions into local policy documents, updating the Plan periodically, looking at ways to mitigate impacts, and continuing to reach out to the public.

### **Small Group Exercise: Resilience Road**

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The stakeholders broke up into groups of 4 or 5 to test out the Resilience Ridge board game.

### **Large Group Discussion**

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After most game play wrapped up, Brewster asked the stakeholders for feedback on the plan process and whether their expectations were met. Some of the stakeholders' comments included:

- The process was good because it gave stakeholders an opportunity to learn what other people are doing
- Meeting together gave us a broader sense of the climate impacts for the region
- Being able to better understand that in order to get the biggest bang for buck, we have to think holistically.
- Small group interactions from multiple disciplines/perspectives made solutions rise to the top that address multiple issues.
- Meeting together with people from other disciplines I don't typically work with helped me see things from a different perspective.
- From a citizen-observer standpoint, there were so many solutions I hadn't thought about that came out of meeting together.
- The game is a clever way to promote adaptation strategies.
- The process took a LONG time
- Whether or not expectations have been met is yet to be seen – won't really know until regulations and plans are updated
- How do we implement? Where does the plan fit in to what stakeholders do?
- The process was fantastic – having so many experts and knowledge from different sources with staff coming back with comments and having laid out the next step for us made it productive.