



RESOLUTION 62, 2018

AUTHORIZING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN CLALLAM COUNTY

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THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS finds as follows:

1. In 2008, at the direction of the County Administrator, 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 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 resulting in drought and water shortages, increased risk for major fires, increased opportunities for the advance of invasive species and ocean acidification.
5. There are important economic incentives for taking positive action related to climate change, such as the FEMA Flood Insurance Community Rating System which recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum National Flood Insurance Program standards, which could help reduce citizens' flood insurance premium rates by as much as 45%.
6. The opportunity exists to develop and assess additional mitigation and adaptation strategies that could be implemented to further lessen the County's carbon footprint and risk exposure while helping to protect County residents, property and infrastructure from the anticipated impacts of climate change including fires and flooding.

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

1. All future updates to the Clallam County Comprehensive Plan will be informed by relevant climate change predictions and shall be amended to specifically include strategies that will reduce Clallam County's risk exposure (related to forest fire, storm surge, etc.) while improving citizens' ability to prepare for and address the impacts and anticipated impacts of climate change.
2. Elected officials and department heads, or their designees, will be invited to re-convene the Climate Advisory Group in order to recommend updates to the Clallam County Climate Action Plan that could be implemented 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 nineteenth day of June, 2018.

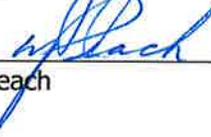
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Mark Ozias, Chair

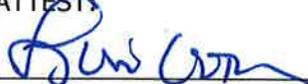


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