



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council
The Honorable Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director
Gary S. Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager GSS

FROM: Chris Elder, Senior Watershed Management Planner CE

RE: 2021 Whatcom County Climate Action Plan

DATE: October 27, 2021

The Climate Impact Advisory Committee requests that Council approve the Climate Action Plan and the accompanying resolution to support implementation of the Climate Action Action. The Committee has been working for the past several years to achieve the mandated task, as described in Whatcom County Code 2.126.030, of updating the County's Climate Action Plan. The committee held an open public review and comment period on the draft Climate Action Plan for the month of July and received numerous comments and suggested edits from members of the community. The committee presented a draft of the plan to Council on August 10, 2021 and received input from members of County Council as well as from staff and leadership within the administration. At the request of Council, a work session was held with Council on September 28, 2021 to review an updated draft and to receive additional input from Council. All comments received and suggested edits have been incorporated into the final Climate Action Plan. Upon approval, the administration looks forward to working with Council to implement the plan including submitting a mid-biennium budget request for a new climate action position.

Please contact Chris Elder at extension 6225, if you have any questions or concerns in advance of the discussion.

Encl.

One (1) document and one (1) resolution for review and adoption

- 2021 Whatcom County Climate Action Plan
- Resolution to adopt the 2021 Whatcom County Climate Action Plan

