

**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA REQUEST**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

**FROM:** Al Scalf, Department of Community Development Director  
Stacie Hoskins, Planning Manager *SH*  
Zoe Ann Lamp, Associate Planner *Zoe*

**DATE:** October 3, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing Notice for Comments on the Draft Climate Action Plan

**ATTACHMENTS:**  
1) Attached Legal Notice for publication in the October 5, 2011 Edition of *The Leader*

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**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:**

Prior to formal deliberation and adoption of the Climate Action Plan, the Board of County Commissioners and City Council will hold separate public hearings on October 17, 2011 to provide an opportunity for the general public to review and comment on the final draft of the Climate Action Plan.

**BACKGROUND:**

On January 7, 2008 the City Council and Board of County Commissioners approved a Joint Resolution creating a Climate Action Committee (CAC) tasked with developing a Climate Action Plan. Beginning in May of 2008 the Climate Action Committee, consisting of various stakeholders appointed by the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners and Port Townsend City Council, worked with city and county staff to develop the plan. Community input was gathered via public open house meetings in October 2008 and June 2009. The business meetings of the Climate Action Committee provided additional opportunity for public comments.

The City Council and Board of County Commissioners met in a joint workshop on July 21, 2011 to review the Draft Climate Action Plan. During the meeting members of both bodies provided suggested changes and referred the document to the CAC. Staff made the suggested revisions to the plan and sent it to the CAC members for review.

**ANALYSIS/STRATEGIC GOALS/PROS and CONS:**

While the City and County governments will each have a major role in carrying out the objectives and actions, successful implementation will require many diverse partners, including neighboring jurisdictions, non-profit organizations, business leaders, and neighborhood associations. The public hearing provides an additional opportunity for public awareness and public comment on the plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT/COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS:**

The Action Plan proposes a phased approach. It addresses specifically what the City and County governments can do to lead by example while recognizing that funding and resources are limited. It also recommends measures that the community should consider, as well as outreach, education, and

partnership opportunities.

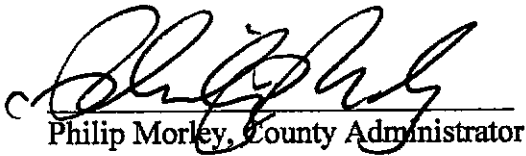
The Department of Community Development has assigned a 0.10 FTE to support the Climate Action Committee for 2011.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the BoCC:

- o Approve the joint public notice with the comment period October 5, 2011 – October 19, 2011.
- o Hold a public hearing on October 17, 2011

**REVIEWED BY:**

  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

9/28/11  
Date

**TO:** Port Townsend & Jefferson County Leader

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Please publish one (1) time: Wednesday, October 5, 2011 in 7-point font**

**BILL:** Jefferson County Department of Community Development  
621 Sheridan Street  
Port Townsend WA 98368  
Attn: Rose Ann Carroll  
Tel: 360-379-4450

Account# 17385

**DATE:** Monday, October 3, 2011

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**PUBLIC NOTICE of  
CLIMATE ACTION PLAN  
HEARING**

JEFFERSON COUNTY  
& CITY OF PORT TOWNSEND

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Jefferson County and the City of Port Townsend have set a goal of reducing county-wide carbon-based emissions to 80% lower than 1990 levels by the year 2050. The two jurisdictions appointed the Climate Action Committee to prepare a **Climate Action Plan** that recommends measures to achieve the goal. The Action Plan proposes a phased approach. It addresses specifically what the City and County governments can do to lead by example while recognizing that funding and resources are limited. It also recommends measures that the community should consider, as well as outreach, education, and partnership opportunities. Finally, it outlines land use and transportation policies that the City and County should refer to their respective planning commissions for further consideration.

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SEPA Determination: The SEPA Responsible Official has determined that adoption of the Climate Action Plan is categorically exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA): WAC 197-11-800 (19).

***Hearing Time and Location***

Two open-record public hearings are scheduled for the Climate Action Plan:

**Monday, October 17, 2011:**

- 10:00AM Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)  
Board of County Commissioner's Chambers in the  
Basement of the Jefferson County Courthouse  
1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA
- 6:30 PM Port Townsend City Council  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
540 Water Street, Port Townsend, WA

Persons wishing to testify regarding the Climate Action Plan may do so either by submitting oral testimony or written comments at either of the two public hearings, or by submitting written comments to the City Clerk, 250 Madison Street, Suite 2, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Written comments must be received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

BoCC and Council Chambers are handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon 24-hour advance notice to Pam Kolacy, City Clerk at 379-5045.

**Where to View Documents:**

A copy of the Climate Action Plan to be considered by the BoCC and City Council will be available for public review at:

City of Port Townsend Planning Department  
250 Madison Street, Suite 3  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Jefferson County Department of Community Development  
621 Sheridan Street  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

And posted on the County website at:  
<http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/ClimateChange.htm>

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Date: August 3, 2009

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John Austin, Chair