



MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: Redmond 2050 Monthly Briefing - Climate Vulnerability Assessment

PURPOSE

This monthly Redmond 2050 briefing will focus on the Climate Vulnerability Assessment that is being added to the scope, why that change is being made, and how that will impact our schedule. Staff will also share general updates on Redmond 2050 and comments from the City Council on the Existing Conditions Report.

BACKGROUND

In September 2020, the City Council adopted the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (ESAP) and a Climate Emergency Declaration, which together create a roadmap to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions, preserve and enhance Redmond's natural resources, and create a more climate resilient community. A Climate Vulnerability Assessment is one of the near-term actions listed in the ESAP.

Jenny Lybeck, the City's Environmental Sustainability Program Manager, has been meeting with staff in multiple departments to discuss the action plan items from the ESAP and how her work will be coordinated with work being done by other departments. After discussing the project purpose and timeline with Long Range Planning staff, all parties concluded that it would benefit the ESAP and Redmond 2050 to fold the Climate Vulnerability Assessment into the ongoing work of the Redmond 2050 SEPA consultant, BERK Consulting, since the work is closely

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Other than the final adoption date change, the biggest changes will be moving some conversations to different months and allowing staff to have more time for community conversations that otherwise would have moved at a faster pace. Staff will be taking advantage of this time to have more robust conversations with Commissioners and the public about some of the required updates (Vision 2050, Countywide Planning Policies, etc.) and completing additional arising from changes to the CPPs. Staff sees this as another benefit of rolling the Assessment into Redmond 2050.

NEXT STEPS / COMING SOON

- Staff will be forwarding a contract amendment with Berk Consulting to Council for consideration and approval in April.
- Staff is assembling stakeholder groups to review and provide input on Phase 1 project components and will be meeting with those groups in April.
- The Technical Advisory Group will be selected in the next few weeks, with the first meeting in April (depending on member availability).
- Themes discussion in the community will ramp up in April as well, with additional outreach and engagement with the community on these topics.
- Starting at the April 14th Planning Commission meeting, staff will be reviewing the required update items.