

Climate Preparedness and Resilience

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Today's Presentation

- Policy background on climate preparedness and resilience
- PSRC work program on resilience
- Guidance development for comprehensive plans, activities
- *Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative*
 - Opportunities to engage
 - Upcoming webinars, resources, support



VISION 2050

- VISION 2050 has more robust policies and calls to action related to resilience and climate preparedness
 - *“Preparing for climate change impacts”* included in overall climate goal
 - 12 policies throughout six chapters – climate, environment, transportation, economy, development patterns, public services
 - Call for regional and local actions to engage in resilience planning and climate preparedness, addressing impacts and focusing on equitable outcomes



PSRC's Resilience Work

- Regional Transportation Plan and resilience:
 - First addressed in 2010 - identification of potential impacts, sea level rise analysis
 - Continued attention in 2014, 2018; new hazards web map as resource in current draft RTP
- Formation of a new regional collaborative on climate preparedness in 2014
- Pilot community / partnership with National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine under the Resilient America Roundtable Program (2016-2018)



PSRC's Resilience Work

- Continued work with the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative
 - <https://pugetsoundclimate.org/>
 - Advising on the development of VISION 2050 guidance
 - Supporting comprehensive plan updates
 - Definitions, examples, best practices
 - What's needed?
- Future work
 - Use of RTP visualization tools to better identify resilience and redundancies

