PSRC General Assembly
Thursday, October 29, 2020 • 9:00 – 11:00 AM
Virtual Meeting – Remote Participation Only

PUBLIC NOTICE: In accordance with the Governor’s proclamations 20-25.7 and 20-28.11, the PSRC’s offices are closed to the public and no in-person meetings are permitted.

The public is encouraged to follow the meeting via live stream at https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings or listen by phone at 1-866-226-4650, Meeting ID: 753 318 936.

Assembly members – registration deadline is October 27. By registering if you plan to attend, it will help us to determine our quorum. PSRC’s General Assembly includes all county executives, mayors, councilmembers and commissioners from member jurisdictions, tribes, and representatives of statutory members. Register here today! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Remote Check-in 8:30-8:55 AM

1. Call to Order (9:00) -- Executive Bruce Dammeier, President
   a. Roll Call

2. Communications and Public Comment
   Public comment on items on the Assembly agenda will only be accepted via email. Comments should be sent to srogers@psrc.org. Comments received up to one hour before the meeting will be provided to Assembly members electronically during the meeting. Comments received after that deadline will be provided to the Assembly after the meeting.

3. President's Report
4. Consent Agenda
   a. Adoption of Minutes of General Assembly Meeting held June 25, 2020
5. New Business
   a. Adoption of VISION 2050 -- Executive Bruce Dammeier, PSRC President and Councilmember Scott Bader, Chair, Growth Management Policy Board
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn (11:00)
Assembly members, please submit proposed amendments and materials prior to the meeting for distribution. Organizations/individuals may submit information for distribution. Send to Sheila Rogers, e-mail srogers@psrc.org. Sign language and communication material in alternate formats can be arranged given sufficient notice by calling (206) 464-7090 or TTY Relay 711.

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INFORMATION ITEM

To: PSRC General Assembly

From: Executive Bruce Dammeier, Chair, Executive Board

Subject: General Assembly Voting

Attached is a list of the weighted votes for the General Assembly. The counties’ and cities’ votes are based on the State of Washington Office of Financial Management’s final 2020 populations.

Voting at the General Assembly meeting is described in the Puget Sound Regional Council Interlocal Agreement, Section V.B.2:

The General Assembly shall make decisions when a quorum is present, and on the basis of a weighted vote of the members, with the weight of each city and county jurisdiction vote as follows: total votes of all city and county jurisdictions within each county will be proportional to each county’s share of the regional population. County government will be entitled to fifty (50) percent of their respective county’s total vote. City and town votes will be based on their respective share of the total incorporated population of their county. Indian Tribe vote will be based on their respective share of the region’s population. The vote of statutory members shall be as prescribed in the applicable statute or as determined by the Executive Board where the applicable statute is silent on the matter of voting.

As noted in Article V, Section 7 of the Regional Council’s Bylaws, approval of the annual budget and work program, adoption or amendment of the regional growth management strategy and transportation plan, and amendments to the Bylaws require a roll-call vote and the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those present. All other matters require a
simple majority, with the manner of voting determined by the presiding officer; however, at the request of any two members, a roll call vote shall be taken.

If you have any questions, please call Diana Lauderbach, PSRC Chief Financial Officer, at 206-802-5231 or email dlauderbach@psrc.org.

Attachments:
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Minutes
Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly
Thursday, June 25, 2020, 9:00-10:00 AM
Virtual Meeting

This meeting was conducted remotely.

Call to Order and Roll Call
The meeting of the General Assembly was called to order at 9:00 AM by Executive Bruce Dammeier, PSRC President; Pierce County Executive. The meeting was conducted remotely. Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

Communications and Public Comment
The following person submit written comments to the Assembly: Bernedine Lund, 350 Seattle

President’s Report
President Dammeier welcome everyone to PSRC’s first online General Assembly meeting. He stated, “Our business today will be brief. We will be acting on two essential items that are needed to sustain operations at PSRC: adoption of the supplemental budget and work program and election of officers.

“We anticipate having a second General Assembly meeting in the fall to adopt VISION 2050. VISION 2050 is the region’s long-range plan for how to accommodate future growth. It provides a unified vision for regional and local planning efforts. Over the past two years, a ton of great work has gone into developing VISION 2050. Many of you have participated and provided input to shape the plan. Because of the pandemic and limits on in-person meetings, PSRC’s leadership put a pause on this process. We now will be able to restart this work and expect to have a final VISION 2050 plan ready for adoption this fall.”

He went on to say, “I also wanted to acknowledge these historic and unprecedented times that we are living through. Our region was one of the first hot spots for COVID-19 in the nation. I thank you all for your leadership in your respective communities to protect public health.

“In recent weeks, we have also been experiencing a time of reckoning on racial injustice. I look forward to working with all of you to confront racism and inequality
within our communities – and take the actions needed to address the harm racism is causing to the people we serve.”

President Dammeier then introduced the following other members of PSRC’s leadership: King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, PSRC Vice President and Chair of the Operations Committee; Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair of the Transportation Policy Board; Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, Vice Chair of the Transportation Policy Board; Tom Florino, President of the Economic Development Board; Port of Bremerton Commissioner Alex Strakeljahn, Vice President of the Economic Development Board; Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, Immediate Past President of PSRC; and Josh Brown, PSRC’s Executive Director.

Consent Agenda
Adoption of Minutes of General Assembly Meeting held May 30, 2019
ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Balducci/Somers) to adopt the minutes of the Puget Sound Regional Council Assembly meeting held May 30, 2019. The motions passed unanimously.

New Business
Adoption of Supplemental Fiscal Years 2020-2021 Budget and Work Program
Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Vice President; Chair, Operations Committee, reported that the Supplemental Fiscal Years 2020-2021 budget and work program was developed under the guidance of the Operations Committee. She stated that the budget received in-depth review by the Transportation Policy Board, Growth Management Policy Board and Economic Development District Board. She reported, “Since that review, one change has been made to the proposal in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. PSRC has eliminated the 4 percent membership dues increase for Fiscal Year 2021 that was proposed to be used to increase PSRC’s reserves. The freezing of the dues is the same practice PSRC followed during the Great Recession.”

She said, “The proposed supplemental budget comes to you today with a unanimous vote of support from our Executive Board. This document is a blueprint guiding PSRC’s work through the second year of the biennium. It is a steady-state, balanced budget that supports PSRC’s regional planning mission.

“The primary work for the two-year period is summarized on our Integrated Planning Timeline and carries out our planning responsibilities in Regional Planning, Growth Management, Transportation, Economic Development and Data Services.”

Vice President Balducci provided a quick overview of the revenues and expenditures for the budget.

Regarding revenues, “Fifty-two percent of the revenues come from Federal grants, fourteen percent from local funds and twenty-eight percent from carryover funds. These funds come from grant work that began in last biennium and will be continued in this biennium, including funds from ongoing federal planning, Federal Aviation
Administration, and Federal Transit Administration 5307 funds. Six percent of total revenues come from state funding.”

For expenditures, thirty-five percent supports the salaries of our staff, twenty-three percent is for benefits, fifteen percent for overhead, twelve percent for consultants and direct costs, nine percent is encumbered for future work, and six percent is used for our reserve fund.

She stated, “The full budget document, which can be found on the PSRC website, gives much more detail on the work for the next year and I would encourage you to read through the document.”

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Balducci/Somers) to (1) adopt the Fiscal Years 2020-2021 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program as recommended by the Executive Board on May 28, 2020; and (2) Adopt Resolution PSRC-A-2020-01 authorizing the submittal of the adopted Fiscal Years 2020-2021 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program to the appropriate federal and state funding agencies. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers – Report of the Nominating Committee

Executive Dave Somers, Chair of the Nominating Committee, stated that on May 7 the Nominating Committee had a conference call to discuss the PSRC 2020 Officers. He said, As Immediate Past President, I served as Chair. Members of the committee included Port of Everett Commissioner Glen Bachman, King County Executive Dow Constantine, City of Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson, City of Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin, Kitsap County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido, City of Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone, Pierce County Councilmember Doug Richardson and City of Tacoma Mayor Victoria Woodards.”

He reported that the Nominating Committee recommends the Officers be Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier as President; and King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci as Vice President.

There were no nominations from the floor.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Somers/Erickson) to adopt the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

President Dammeier acknowledged and thanked Sophie Glass and Mishu Pham-Whipple with Triangle and Associates for their technology and virtual meeting planning support.

There was no other business brought before the Assembly.
Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

ADOPTED by the Assembly this 29th day of October, 2020.

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Executive Bruce Dammeier, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:
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Josh Brown, Executive Director

(To listen to a recording of the meeting, please contact the PSRC Information Center at info@psrc.org; 206-464-7532.)
ACTION ITEM

To: PSRC General Assembly
From: Executive Bruce Dammeier, Chair, Executive Board
Subject: Adoption of VISION 2050

IN BRIEF

On September 24, 2020, the PSRC Executive Board unanimously acted to recommend VISION 2050 for adoption. The General Assembly will be asked to take action to adopt VISION 2050 as the region's long-range plan at its meeting on October 29, 2020. The full document and background materials for VISION 2050 are available for review at psrc.org/vision

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board recommends that the General Assembly Adopt VISION 2050 pursuant to Resolution No. PSRC-A-2020-02 (see attachment).

DISCUSSION

Overview of VISION 2050

VISION 2050 is the region’s plan for how to manage growth out to the year 2050, when the central Puget Sound is expected to grow to nearly 6 million people. Over the last three years, PSRC has worked with the region’s cities, counties, tribes, ports, agencies, businesses, and communities to develop VISION 2050, reaching out to communities through listening sessions, surveys, community events, and online platforms. The draft plan was developed based on extensive policy discussions, data, research, and public input.
The regional plan provides a long-range vision for accommodating growth and achieving multiple environmental, social, and economic objectives. As communities work over the coming decades to realize the outcomes articulated in VISION 2050, local and regional plans will be updated to respond to changing conditions and needs. While it is too soon to fully know how growth trends may change as the region recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, a shared, long-range framework for planning is critical. PSRC will have an opportunity to update VISION 2050 in the future to respond to significant changes in regional growth trends.

VISION 2050 includes overarching goals, a numeric strategy to sustainably guide growth in the region, and multicounty planning policies as required by the state Growth Management Act (GMA) (RCW 36A.70.210). The plan also includes implementation actions at the regional, county, and local levels. VISION 2050 policy chapters address regional collaboration, the regional growth strategy, the environment, climate change, development patterns, housing, the economy, transportation, and public services. VISION 2050 addresses several fundamental issues, including extending the plan horizon year to 2050, statutory changes, major changes to the region since 2008, and recent regional plans and initiatives.

VISION 2050’s Regional Growth Strategy supports continued growth in cities and central places, while preserving farms, forests, and open space. It reflects public comments and requests from members to leverage the region’s investments in transit and ferries. VISION 2050 includes a goal for 65% of new residential growth and 75% of
job growth to be located in proximity to the region’s investments in transit, including ferries, commuter rail, bus rapid transit, and light rail.

Policy and topic areas that were a focus of the updated, include:

- Jobs/housing balance
- Climate change
- Military installations and affected communities
- Tribal lands and culturally sensitive sites
- Industrial lands preservation
- Displacement
- Social equity & environmental justice
- Aviation
- Health in planning
- Open space preservation
- Puget Sound recovery
- School siting
- Fiscal sustainability & funding

The plan supports greater housing affordability throughout the region. There is a new policy chapter addressing climate change and resiliency. Issues of social equity and displacement are addressed throughout the plan. The impact of evolving transportation technology is included in the Transportation chapter. VISION 2050 also includes new or revised policies addressing community health, annexation, restoration of Puget Sound, preservation of open space, and better recognition of Native American tribes.

VISION 2050 reflects the region coming together to address our most urgent issues and to renew the vision for the next 30 years. The plan will serve as a guidepost for how we work together to tackle challenges and make the region an even better place to live in the years to come.

VISION 2050 Development

Over the course of more than two years of work, analysis and public engagement, VISION 2050 was drafted to lay out the policies and actions for a sustainable, healthy, more equitable, and prosperous region.

PSRC’s Growth Management Policy Board worked intensely to review growth issues in the region and identify how to improve upon VISION 2040. Since it was adopted in 2008, VISION 2040 has provided a framework for planning and helped the region coordinate planning and prepare communities for growth. VISION 2040 helped guide expansion of the region’s transit system, new transportation solutions, job and housing growth in our regional growth and manufacturing centers, and expanded protection of open space, farms, trails, and environmentally sensitive areas. When the Growth Management Policy Board started this update, it directed building on the framework established by VISION 2040 and to put in place a strong strategy to guide the region for the next thirty years.
When cities and counties next update their plans, they will begin to look beyond 2040. Extending VISION another decade provides an umbrella for the next round of local comprehensive plan updates and a necessary foundation for the next update of the Regional Transportation Plan and other regional planning efforts.

**Upcoming Planning Work**

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**Draft Plan Review**

Public engagement was a critical part of the VISION 2050 process. PSRC engaged people throughout the region, used innovative outreach techniques, and targeted diverse communities. PSRC conducted a public opinion survey to understand residents’ attitudes about growth-related issues and help inform VISION 2050.

PSRC held public meetings and workshops in each county, informal tabling events at locations such as county fairs, and a formal public hearing on the draft plan with the Growth Management Policy Board. PSRC reached 300,000 people using online ads, 10,000 people through email, and made more than 200 media contacts. VISION 2050 was featured or discussed in more than 30 media articles in local print and online newspapers.

An online open house on VISION 2050 was available for the entire 60-day public comment period and available for translation into nine different languages (Vietnamese, Tagalog, Chinese, Korean, German, French, Spanish, Russian, and Arabic). PSRC sent copies of the draft plan to all nine federally recognized tribes in the region and directly worked with several tribes on plan language regarding Native Americans. The online open house and VISION 2050 webpages had over 9,000 page views over the course of the public comment period for the draft plan and the draft plan was downloaded nearly 3,000 times.
Through several extra and extended meetings, the Growth Management Policy Board considered more than 1,600 individual comments received on the draft plan from over 600 commenters. The board ultimately acted to include more than 200 amendments to text, policy, and actions addressing a wide range of topics. In December 2019, the Growth Management Policy Board unanimously recommended to the Executive Board adoption of VISION 2050.

Executive Board Amendments

The Executive Board reviewed and discussed VISION 2050 during meetings in 2020 and considered several amendments. The board amended the draft plan to include additional support for housing development and affordability, including middle-density housing types, to acknowledge the impact of COVID-19 and the historic wave of recent protests for racial justice, and to incorporate minor technical changes.

The Executive Board expressed concern for how COVID-19 is impacting the region. While VISION 2050 is a long-range strategy, some of the impacts related to COVID-19 and racial injustice are likely to have lasting effect that influence the region for years to come. The board amended the draft plan to include edits to acknowledge COVID-19 and to enhance recognition of institutional and structural racism, racial disparities, and the need for equitable outcomes for all of the region’s residents.

The growth forecast for 2050 is a “big picture” long-range forecast of jobs, population, and households at the regional scale. The forecasts are consistent with historical periods of stronger growth alternating with slowdowns over time. However, the COVID-19 pandemic may have far-reaching effects that are unknown today and are different from a typical economic cycle. PSRC is continually monitoring regional data trends and will periodically update the regional forecast to include the best data available.

Environmental Analysis

PSRC released a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement in February 2019 that reviewed the environmental impacts and benefits of three growth alternatives and identified measures to mitigate impacts, generally implemented in the form of multicounty planning policies. PSRC held a 60-day comment period on the document and gathered over 650 comments. The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement demonstrated that a more transit-oriented growth alternative will result in less congestion, pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and conversion of undeveloped lands compared to other more dispersed alternatives. The preferred growth alternative developed for the recommended draft plan performs nearly as well as the Transit Focused Growth alternative, while incorporating changes that respond to unique conditions in each county. A Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement was issued in March 2020. An addendum to the FSEIS was issued in September to acknowledge a change in the household size methodology used in the environmental analysis.
NEXT STEPS

The adoption of VISION 2050 is the first in a series of regional and local planning actions. PSRC will work towards implementing VISION 2050 actions, including updates to the Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Economic Strategy. PSRC is also beginning the work with each countywide planning group regarding the upcoming work to update countywide planning policies and growth targets.

In addition to the materials included here, the full recommended plan, project information, environmental review documents, background papers, and other materials, are available on the VISION 2050 website.

For more information, please contact Paul Inghram at 206-464-7549 or pingram@psrc.org or Ben Bakkenta at 206-971-3286 or BBakkenta@psrc.org.

Attachments:
ResolutionV2050 A-2020-02
RESOLUTION NO. PSRC-A-2020-02
A RESOLUTION of the Puget Sound Regional Council
Adopting VISION 2050

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is designated by the governor of the State of Washington, under federal and state laws, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the central Puget Sound region encompassing King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties; and

WHEREAS, as the MPO and RTPO for the four-county region, PSRC has responsibilities under federal and state laws, including the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (23 CFR Part 450 Subpart C (FHWA) and 49 CFR Part 613, Subpart A (FTA)), the Federal Clean Air Act (42 USC Section 7401-7671q), the Washington Clean Air Act (RCW 70.94.37), the state Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A), and related RTPO planning provisions (RCW 47.80); and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement signed by all PSRC members establishes the agency as a forum for collaborative work on regional growth management and transportation planning and other issues requiring regional coordination and cooperation, including maintaining the adopted regional growth strategy that addresses regional issues including transportation, open space, air and water quality, economic development, and regional facilities, as well as producing the regional transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, Washington Administrative Code 365-196-305 recommends that multicounty planning policies should use an existing regional agency, such as the RTPO, to develop, adopt, and administer the multicounty planning policies; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, PSRC was affirmed as the agency responsible for meeting the Growth Management Act requirement for multicounty planning policies, and the agency adopted the 1990 VISION 2020 policies as the multicounty planning policies; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, PSRC adopted revised multicounty planning policies; and in 1995 adopted the VISION 2020 Update pursuant to the above referenced responsibilities and functions; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, PSRC adopted VISION 2040 with revised multicounty planning policies pursuant to the above referenced responsibilities and functions; and
WHEREAS, the PSRC Executive Board initiated the update of VISION 2040 in December 2017 with direction to build on the work of VISION 2040; to be an ambitious strategy for the region; to work towards realizing the goals of VISION 2040; to reflect the diversity of the region; and to make VISION more accessible and usable; and

WHEREAS, the central Puget Sound region is forecast to reach a population of about 5.8 million people and 3.4 million jobs by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, PSRC issued a Determination of Significance for the update of VISION 2040 under the State Environmental Policy Act and engaged in formal integrated scoping for the planning process and environmental review, which concluded with the Growth Management Policy Board’s approval of the VISION 2050 Scoping Report in June 2018; and

WHEREAS, PSRC prepared a Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for VISION 2050 pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act that considered a range of growth alternatives, and which supplements the VISION 2040 Final Environmental Impact Statement (2008); and

WHEREAS, consistent with federal and state mandates, the Growth Management Policy Board recommended a draft VISION 2050 document to reflect and incorporate planning work in the region completed under the Growth Management Act; to refine the multicounty planning policies to address important common issues and areas of regional agreement affecting growth management, the environment, the economy, and transportation; to establish new implementing actions to continue progress in achieving the regional VISION to the year 2050; and to establish monitoring efforts to evaluate the extent to which the regional VISION is being achieved; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Policy Board considered the analysis of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS); technical reports prepared by staff; comments submitted during scoping, the Draft SEIS review, and the draft plan review; and conducted deliberative discussions to develop VISION 2050 and recommends its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board considered the recommendation of the Growth Management Policy Board, the engagement process and comments on the draft plan, the technical analysis, the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, and deliberative discussion that led to the formation of the plan and recommends adoption of VISION 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Growth Strategy, related provisions, and Executive Board amendments to the final recommended VISION 2050 fall within the range of alternatives analyzed in the Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement prepared pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act; and
WHEREAS, VISION 2050 is necessary to provide future land use assumptions and a common framework for the region’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Regional Economic Strategy, as well as countywide planning policies and local comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, consistent with federal and state mandates, state environmental requirements, and with the PSRC’s Interlocal Agreement, Public Participation Plan and other operating procedures, PSRC has worked with local, state and federal jurisdictions and agencies in a continuing, cooperative and detailed planning process; it has made supporting materials available for public review, conducted public hearings, surveys, workshops, open houses, and other efforts, including providing extensive data and information related to the update on the PSRC website, in order to involve agencies, communities, businesses, interest groups, and individuals to provide input, discussion and review of VISION 2050 and its related Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; and it has incorporated in these documents the work of local governments and other member agencies, as well as the comments of individuals, businesses, tribes, and interests throughout the region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly adopts VISION 2050 as the growth management, environmental, economic, and transportation vision for the central Puget Sound region, meeting state Growth Management Act and State Environmental Policy Act requirements, and in so doing reaffirms its commitment to an integrated regional approach to growth management, the environment, the economy, and transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VISION 2050 supersedes VISION 2040 (2008).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VISION 2050 supersedes the Growing Transit Communities Strategy as the regional equitable transit-oriented development strategy pursuant to RCW 81.112.350.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly establishes that the multicounty planning policies and related goals satisfy the requirements for regional guidelines and principles under RCW 47.80.026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Board is authorized to make technical amendments to the Regional Growth Strategy to reclassify cities and unincorporated areas within the VISION 2050 regional geographies framework for the exclusive purpose of establishing countywide growth targets as required by the Growth Management Act. Other amendments to the Regional Growth Strategy are subject to approval by the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Board, in consultation with the policy boards as needed, is authorized to make amendments for designation of regional centers, update implementation actions, and direct technical updates and corrections to VISION 2050.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PSRC staff is directed to prepare, reproduce and
distribute the final VISION 2050 document and correct any non-substantive errors or
omissions in the document.

ADOPTED by the Assembly this 29th day of October, 2020.

Bruce Dammeier, Executive
Pierce County
President, Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST: Josh Brown, Executive Director