



Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-3370

Motion: 25-493

Type:

☐ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☒ Other

Requested Handling:

☒ Normal

☐ Expedite

☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

Subject: 2025 Snohomish County Wildfire Protection Plan

Scope: Approve the 2025 Snohomish County Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The plan establishes five goals; addresses risk and response; and addresses mitigation (including fuel reduction and management). The plan focuses on maintaining healthy forests while mitigating wildfires and protecting communities.

Established Goals (*see pages 4-6 of the plan for detailed objectives under each goal*):

1. Minimize Wildland Fire Threat
2. Fire Adapted Communities
3. Resilient Landscapes
4. Safe and Effective Wildfire Responses
5. Fire Resilient Economies

Public Engagement:

- Public Survey - July 2024 regarding wildfire preparedness. Survey was open for 4 months and 1,110 responses were received.
- Open House – May 18, 2025
- Open House – May 22, 2025
- Partner and Public Review – July 1 – 30, 2025

Duration: 5 years (this plan will be updated every 5 years in line with the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update).

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

Authority Granted: Authorizes the Executive to sign the plan.

Background: While not required, creation of a local Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is encouraged at both the state and federal level.¹ By adopting a CWPP, federal funding opportunities are opened up to the County pertaining to reducing wildfire risks and prioritization of the [federal fuel projects](#) aimed at reducing hazardous fuels for wildfires.

The planning process for this began after the Bolt Creek Fire in 2022, when DEM was awarded a Community Wildfire Defense Grant to complete a CWPP. According to the department, the proposed plan is in alignment with the County's 2024 Comprehensive

¹ [FEMA – Creating a Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#)
[State – Community Wildfire Protection Plan Guidance](#)

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Plan Update, developed through the collaboration with 50 community partners, and approved by:

- Washington State Department of Natural Resources – October 5, 2025
- Snohomish County Fire Chief's Association – October 7th 2025

Requested Action: For Council to consider taking action.