

BRIEFING MEMO

Port of Tacoma Commission



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DATE: June 10, 2024
TO: Port of Tacoma Commission
FROM: Eric Johnson, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Environmental Action Plan

A. BRIEFING PURPOSE

The Environmental Action Plan consolidates the Port of Tacoma/Tacoma Harbor environmental strategies and actions into one document providing a clear and concise way to track and measure progress and to communicate with industry and community stakeholders. Once reviewed by the Commission, this document will be made available on the Port’s website and in print so that it can be utilized at meetings and public events. The Plan is updated annually and will be a partner piece to the Port’s Strategic Plan Implementation Plan.

B. BACKGROUND

At the December 2021 Port of Tacoma Commission meeting, the Commission requested the development of a comprehensive action plan detailing environmental projects in the Tacoma Harbor/Port of Tacoma. As a result of that request, the Communications team partnered with the Environmental and Planning Services team to develop an “Environmental Action Plan” booklet that outlines current and future Port and NWSA climate, resilience, and environmental actions taking place in the Tacoma Harbor. This was presented to the Commission in November 2022.

C. SCOPE OF WORK

Staff updated last year’s Environmental Action Plan for 2023–2028. Examples of completed actions included EV (electric vehicles) charging stations on Port properties, LED lighting upgrades, Pierce County Flood Control grant for stormwater, stormwater maintenance program, Ecology approval of cleanup plan at Portac, and Ecology NFA received at Lower Wapato creek.

D. TIMEFRAME/PROJECT SCHEDULE

The plan is to be updated and shared with Commission by Q1 annually.

E. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

This booklet was produced and updated in-house. A minimal cost will be incurred to have printed copies made as needed. The document does not constitute approval of any of the actions/activities included in the document; however, many of the actions identified have already received Commission approval. Any project identified in the action report not approved by the Commission, per the Master Policy, must seek Executive/Commission approval as required.

F. NEXT STEPS

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