SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA OF THE

SPOKANE CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

MEETING OF Thursday, September 18, 2025
2:00 P.M. – CITY HALL COUNCIL BRIEFING CENTER

The Spokane Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board will be holding a Special Meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2025, in the City Hall Council Briefing Center, 808 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA. The purpose of the meeting is to consider and discuss items on the attached agenda.

The special meeting will be open to the public. The meeting can be attended in-person or virtually via the Teams link on page 2 of the agenda. Public comment will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting for anything not on the agenda either in-person or via Teams.

SEE ATTACHED AGENDA

Jon Snyder
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Jon Snyder
Secretary to the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board

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Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board Agenda

Special Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 2025
2:00 PM
Hybrid - Council Briefing Center / Microsoft Teams
808 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA 99201

Virtual Meeting Link - See Below for Information

TIMES GIVEN ARE AN ESTIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Public Comment Period:

| Board Briefing Session Item Two

Board Briefing Session:

2:00 – 2:15	1. Roll Call	Planning Staff
	2. Public Comment - Public is invited to comment on related topics other than agenda items scheduled for public hearings (3 minutes max each comment)	
	3. Approve 7/10/2025 meeting minutes	All
	4. Chair Report	Brian Henning
	5. Secretary Report	Jon Snyder
	6. Approval of current agenda	All

Workshops:

2:15 – 3:45	1. Climate Planning – Policy Development	Maren Murphy
3:45 – 3:55	2. Aquifer Protection Area Update	Marlene Feist
3:55 – 4:15	3. Water Conservation Master Plan	Marlene Feist
4:15 – 4:35	4. SAP Work Group Update/Water Conservation	Amanda Parrish/Jon Snyder
4:35 – 4:45	5. State Clean Building Performance Standards	Jon Snyder

Adjournment: The next regularly scheduled CRSB meeting will be held Thursday, October 9, 2025.

* Items denoted with an asterisk may include final action taken by the Board. Written public comments will be accepted at eracrsb@spokanecity.org on these items up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Verbal testimony may also be accepted during the meeting.

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Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board Meeting Information

Thursday, September 18, 2025

The Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board will be held in a hybrid in-person / virtual format. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person at City Hall or online using the following information.

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The audio proceedings of the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board meetings will be recorded and are available online.

Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board

Upcoming Agenda Items
(All items are subject to change)

October 9, 2025 Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (180 minutes available) Hybrid		
Workshop		
Time	**Item**	**Presenter**
2:00-2:15	Briefing Session	
2:15-3:45	Climate Planning – Policy Development	Maren Murphy
	Avista residential energy incentives	Ryan Arnold
	City Fleet Electrification	Adam Russell
Hearing Items		

October 29, 2025 Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (180 minutes available) Hybrid – **Special Joint Meeting PC/CRSB**		
Workshop		
Time	**Item**	**Presenter**
2:00-2:15	Briefing Session	
2:15-3:45	Climate Planning – Policy Development	Maren Murphy
Hearing Items		

November 13, 2025 Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (180 minutes available) Hybrid		
Workshop		
Time	**Item**	**Presenter**
2:00-2:15	Briefing Session	
2:15-3:45	Climate Planning – Multi-Criteria Prioritization	Maren Murphy
Hearing Items		

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Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board - Meeting Minutes Draft

Thursday, July 10, 2025
City Council Briefing Center
Meeting called to order at 2:02 PM by Brian Henning

Public Comment: Citizens are invited to address the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board on any topic not on the agenda. 3 Minutes each.

- Monica Lowney

Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Brian Henning, Amanda Parrish, Kathryn Alexander, Ryan Arnold, Happy Avery, Kerry Brooks, Claire Cooney, Elyse Hochstadt, Larry Luton, Bob Lutz, Lea Molina, Kit Parker
- Board Members Not Present: Kevin Fagan, Hala Zahalqa
- *Quorum Present*: Yes
- Staff Members Present: Jon Snyder, Spencer Gardner, Tirrell Black, Elizabeth Rivera, Mark Papich, Maren Murphy, Amanda Kiehn, Angie McCall, KayCee Downey, Trey, George, Nicole White, Elizabeth Schoedel, Logan Callen, Sarah Sirott, Marlene Feist, Marcia Davis, Mayra Marroquin

Minutes: Minutes from 6/12/2025 approved unanimously.

Briefing Session:

- **Chair Report** – Brian Henning
  - Brian began by asking whether members have thoughts on cancelling the CRSB member in September as both Brian and Amanda are going to be absent from that meeting. No members voiced concerns. Planning can adapt their schedule but will keep CRSB leadership updated on their timelines.
  - Brian provided an update on the Environmental Protection Agency Community Change Grant which the City is a partner of with the Climate Institute, SNAP, and the Carl Maxey Center. Earth Justice and the Southern Environmental Law Center have filed a class action lawsuit that would include all the grants that are awarded under this provision of the Clean Air Act including our Community Change Grant.
  - Brian also wanted to propose an item for a future discussion. The provisions in the Spokane Municipal Code that Council updated a number of years ago related to when Cleaner Air and Cooling Spaces are triggered is in the section of Spokane Municipal Code having to do specifically with unhoused people. Everyone in Spokane is affected, so it is probably appropriate to begin thinking about having an ordinance that would update the code in order to reflect triggers for enabling resilience hubs and cooling spaces to be open and available, then eventually budgeted for.
- **Secretary Report** - Jon Snyder
  - A few months ago, the board received a presentation on the Tree Equity Program from Urban Forestry. We were set to get a grant from the USDA, which was paused. Those funds have recently been freed up, and work has begun under that grant.
  - We also had the Fire Department come in to discuss their work regarding the Urban Wildland Interface to prevent wildfires. This week, we had a situation where our fire department responded to 15 different arson fires in a 36-hour period. It is a frustrating situation, but our emergency services handled it quite well.
  - During the next meeting, we are hoping to have an item on our fleet electrification efforts.
  - Jon also sent out some details on the federal reconciliation bill. This is all federal policy, but it does impact our discussions here. When we see how far the federal

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government has moved back on certain climate, sustainability, and clean energy policies. That may change people's thinking on what the priority is for the work that we do here.

Current Agenda: The current agenda was approved.

Informational, Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Budget Update
  - Presentation provided by: Jon Snyder
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.

- Sharp Avenue Permeable Pavement Project
  - Presentation provided by: Trey George
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.

- Climate Planning – Public Engagement
  - Presentation provided by: Maren Murphy and KayCee Downey
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.

- SAP Update and Information on Utility Franchise Fees and Complete Streets
  - Presentation provided by: Amanda Parrish and Jon Snyder
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.

- Transit Oriented Development 101
  - Presentation provided by: Colin Quinn-Hurst
  - Questions asked and answered.
  - Discussion ensued.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:13 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board Meeting is on Thursday, August 14, 2025.

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BRIEFING PAPER: Climate Planning Phase 2 Policy Development
City of Spokane
Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board
9/18/2025

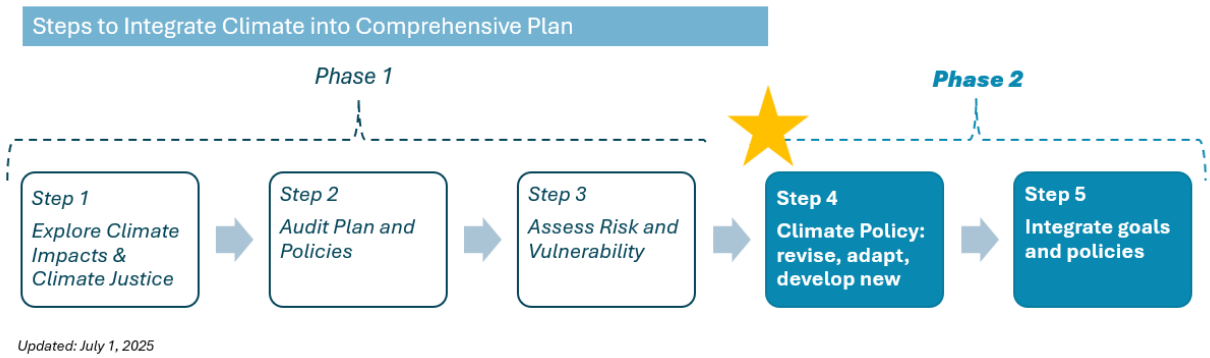
Note to presenters: The CRSB is interested in having workshops with about 2/3 presenter time and 1/3 of a workshop reserved for questions and discussion.

Subject:
Climate Planning Phase 2 will develop goals and policies to integrate climate planning into the comprehensive plan as part of the PlanSpokane 2046 Periodic Update. Planning staff and consultants will facilitate an initial discussion session and opportunity for CRSB members to bring ideas for policies that would help the City adapt to a changing climate and mitigate emissions. WA State Department of Commerce provides the Climate Policy Explorer to assist with local climate planning and decision-making. The dashboard contains examples of model climate goals and supportive policies that will build resilience and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). See attached for memo outlining process and framework. Planning staff will follow up with CRSB with a survey link shared separately in advance to gather early policy ideas.

Background:
The City of Spokane is developing climate planning under HB 1181 to enhance community resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and prioritize environmental justice to avoid worsening environmental health disparities. Climate planning is part of the City's general periodic update requirement for the Comprehensive Plan, which is due in 2026. This work is supported by WA Dept. of Commerce climate planning grant which is funded from Washington's Climate Commitment Act. The Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board is serving as the Climate Policy Advisory Team for climate planning element.

Relationship to Plans/Actions:
The City of Spokane is required under the Growth Management Act to have a climate element as part of the Comprehensive Plan. The climate element will be integrated throughout the Comprehensive Plan elements such as housing, transportation, land use, utilities, and natural environment. Integration of climate into the comprehensive plan was also identified in City Council's Sustainability Action Plan.

Timeline/ Further Action:
See below for timeline for climate planning. The CRVA is the final technical document to be completed for Phase 1 before moving on to Phase 2. Phase 2 focuses on using the technical reporting and community engagement from Phase 1 to inform climate policy development and integration into Comprehensive Plan updates in 2026.



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Relevant Climate Planning Links:

City of Spokane	
Spokane Climate Planning	my.spokanecity.org/climate-planning/
Spokane Climate Vulnerability Index	https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/f6e4fae1a4eb400bab2c236ce63b75da
Engage Spokane Climate Planning	engage.spokane.gov/hub-page/planning-services
PlanSpokane 2046 Periodic Update	planspokane.org
Spokane Comprehensive Plan	my.spokanecity.org/shapingspokane/comprehensive-plan/
Spokane GHG Reporting	my.spokanecity.org/publicworks/environmental/
Spokane Parks Master Plan	my.spokanecity.org/parksrec/master-plan/

WA Dept. of Commerce	
Commerce Climate Planning	www.commerce.wa.gov/growth-management/climate-planning/
Commerce Guidance for Climate Planning	deptofcommerce.box.com/s/fpg3h0lbwln2ctqjg7jg802h54ie19jx
Commerce Climate Policy Explorer	https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/dd012fae9fad4a309b0d89e3c13016e5/page/Basic/

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Memo

Date: September 18, 2025

To: Maren Murphy, Principal Planner, City of Spokane

cc: Tirrell Black, Deputy Director Planning, City of Spokane; Stefanie Hindmarch, Senior Associate, BERK ; Maddie Siebert, Senior Associate, and Mary Ann Rozance, PhD, Senior Associate, Cascadia Consulting Group

From: Lisa Grueter, AICP, Principal, BERK

RE: CRSB Meeting – Climate Planning Phase 2 – Policy Discussion

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Introduction

The Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (CRSB) has a role of recommending climate goals and policies to be integrated into each element of the Comprehensive Plan to meet the requirements of HB 1181 and the Growth Management Act (GMA). This is Phase 2 of the climate planning effort funded by the Washington Department of Commerce. See Exhibit 1.

Exhibit 1: Steps to Integrate Climate into Comprehensive Plan

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The CRSB meeting on September 18, 2025 is an initial discussion session and opportunity for CRSB members to bring your top ideas for policies that would help the City adapt to a changing climate and mitigate emissions. This memo provides supporting materials and discussion questions. Definitions of Key Terms are included in Attachment A.

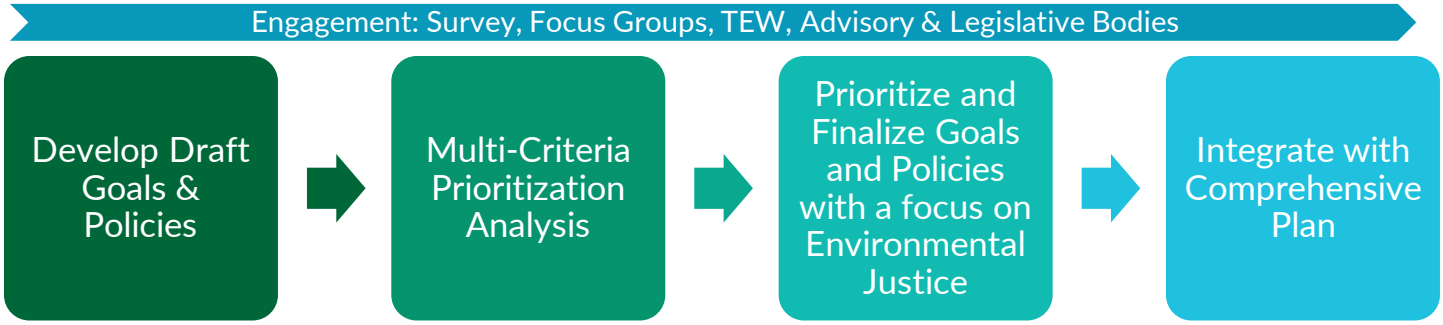
Policy Development Approach

The Shaping Spokane Comprehensive Plan includes 14 chapters, and climate goals and policies will be integrated into each chapter. Common definitions of goals and policies are listed below:[1]

- A goal is a general statement of the community's desired outcome.
- Policies are a course of action that a community will take to meet its goals.

The approach is to develop the climate goals and policies and identify the most effective ones for the City of Spokane such as through a multi-criteria prioritization tool and environmental justice evaluation. Policies would be informed by engagement such as through the community survey that closed on August 31, 2025 and a future series of discussion groups, as well as the ongoing Tribal Engagement Workgroup (TEW), and City advisory and legislative bodies.

Exhibit 2: Key Climate Policy Development Approaches



The policy development and prioritization work is focused in fall 2025 and winter 2026. Meetings and hearings with legislative bodies is planned for spring and summer 2026.

[1] From a 2016 effort the City defined goals and policies: https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/projects/linkspokane/pag/link-spokane-pag-meeting-3-draft-goal-policy-action-structure-overview-example.pdf.

Climate Element Requirements

The City intends to address climate goals and policies in each of its 14 chapters. Climate goals and policies will address resilience and mitigation of climate impacts, as well as environmental justice, per RCW 36.70A.070(9):

Exhibit 3: Summary Climate Element Requirements (RCW 36.70a.070(9)

RESILIENCE SUB-ELEMENT	GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION SUB-ELEMENT
Identify, protect, and enhance natural areas to foster resiliency to climate impacts, as well as areas of vital habitat for safe passage and species migration;	Result in reductions in overall greenhouse gas emissions generated by transportation and land use within the jurisdiction but without increasing greenhouse gas emissions elsewhere in the state;
Identify, protect, and enhance community resiliency to climate change impacts, including social, economic, and built environment factors, that support adaptation to climate impacts consistent with environmental justice; and	Result in reductions in per capita vehicle miles traveled within the jurisdiction but without increasing greenhouse gas emissions elsewhere in the state; and
Address natural hazards created or aggravated by climate change, including sea level rise, landslides, flooding, drought, heat, smoke, wildfire, and other effects of changes to temperature and precipitation patterns.	Prioritize reductions that benefit overburdened communities in order to maximize the co-benefits of reduced air pollution and environmental justice

Commerce recommends developing 20 to 40 goals and policies addressing 11 sectors important for resilience and key sectors to address in greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Sectors to address in Resilience Goals and Policies include:

- Agriculture & Food Systems
- Buildings & Energy
- Cultural Resources
- Economic Development
- Emergency Management
- Health & Well-being
- Ecosystems
- Transportation
- Waste Management
- Water Resources
- Zoning & Development

Sectors to address in Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions include:

- Transportation
- Built Environment
- Zoning
- Energy
- Waste Management

The climate goals policies will help the community identify implementation strategies such as regulations, programs, or activities. This is important for climate planning in particular since the City will be required to report progress toward implementing any actions required to achieve reductions to meet greenhouse gas and vehicle miles traveled requirements within 5 years of plan adoption. (RCW 36.70a.130(9); other requirements related to implementing housing affordability and permitting)

Roles and Responsibilities

The Plan Commission has a statutory requirement to make recommendations to the City Council on the formulation of the entire Comprehensive Plan. The CRSB is leading climate policy integration into the Comprehensive Plan. The Transportation Commission will develop the Transportation Element, which includes strategies to reduce vehicle miles travelled. A summary of key responsibilities is listed below:

- Plan Commission – lead Comprehensive Plan, which has a focus on all elements
- CRSB – lead integration of climate policies into the Comprehensive Plan
- Transportation Commission – lead Transportation Element

Supporting Materials

Engagement and studies in Phase 1 as well as state guidelines and tools are sources of policy ideas for CRSB consideration. In particular we would recommend using the Washington Department of Commerce Climate Policy Explorer and seeing the example goals and policies along with their effectiveness and implementation considerations.

Exhibit 4: Key Documents

Document	Description	Link
Washington Department of Commerce Climate Policy Explorer	Includes a range resilience and greenhouse gas policies including effectiveness	Climate Policy Explorer
City of Spokane Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment	Identifies vulnerabilities, and adaptation strategies	Executive Summary Spokane Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (see Considerations for the Comprehensive Plan on PDF page 218) Spokane Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment - Appendix A (see Engagement Key Takeaways on PDF page 3 and TEW Recommendations for Phase II on PDF page 33)
City of Spokane Greenhouse Gas Inventory 2022	Describes major sources of emissions in Spokane	Fact Sheet Website with Story Map & Report
Spokane Climate Policy Audit	Analyzes and summarizes existing climate-related policies, and regulations	Spokane Climate Policy Audit

Discussion Questions

In preparation for the meeting, the CRSB will be sent a survey link including the following discussion questions.

Reviewing the Climate Policy Explorer for effective goals and policies …

- What are the top 3 sectors you have an interest in?
- What are up to 5 climate goals or policies to integrate into the Comprehensive Plan?
- Please explain why each are important for Spokane.
- What other sources of information, strategies, or community feedback inspire you related to resilience, mitigation, or environmental justice (applicable to the City)?

Attachment – Glossary

Term	Definition
Adaptation	The process of adjusting to new (climate) conditions in order to reduce risks to valued assets and harm. (US Climate Toolkit Glossary)
Climate	Climate is the usual weather of a place over a longer period – the typical seasons, yearly highs and lows of temperatures, average rainfall, etc. Weather is the changes we see and feel outside from day to day.
Climate Impact(s)	Effects on natural and human systems that result from hazards. Evaluating potential climate impacts is a critical step in assessing vulnerability.
Climate Resilience	The ongoing process of anticipating, preparing for, and adapting to changes in climate and minimizing negative impacts to our natural systems, infrastructure, and communities. See RCW 70A.65.010 (16).
Co-Benefits	The additional benefits of policies that are implemented with a primary goal. For instance, co-benefits of reducing greenhouse gas emissions include cleaner air, the creation of green jobs, improved public health from active travel, and the support of biodiversity. Also referred to as "multiple benefits."
Environmental Justice	The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Environmental justice includes addressing disproportionate environmental and health impacts in all laws, rules, and policies with environmental impacts by prioritizing vulnerable populations and overburdened communities and the equitable distribution of resources and benefits. See RCW 36.70A.030 (16)
Greenhouse Gas (GHG)	Includes carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, sulfur hexafluoride, and any other gas or gases designated by the department of Ecology by rule under RCW 70A.45.010. See RCW 36.70A.030 (21). Greenhouse gases trap some of the Earth's outgoing energy, retaining heat in the atmosphere.

Term	Definition
House Bill (HB) 1181	An act of the Washington State Legislature, passed in the 2023 Regular Session, relating to improving the state's climate response through updates to the state's planning framework.
Overburdened Community	A geographic area where vulnerable populations face multiple environmental harms and health impacts, and frequently includes lower-income residents. See RCW 36.70A.030 (29) and 19.405.020.
Per Capita Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	This means the number of miles traveled using cars and light trucks in a calendar year divided by the number of residents. The calculation of this value excludes vehicle miles driven conveying freight.
Vulnerable Populations	Groups that are more likely to be at higher risk for poor health outcomes in response to environmental harms, due to: adverse socioeconomic factors such as unemployment, high housing and transportation costs relative to income, limited access to nutritious food and adequate health care, linguistic isolation, and other factors that negatively affect health outcomes and increase vulnerability to the effects of environmental harms; and, sensitivity factors, such as low birth weight and higher rates of hospitalization. Vulnerable populations include but are not limited to racial and ethnic minorities; low-income populations; and populations disproportionately impacted by environmental harms. See RCW 36.70A.030 (47).

BRIEFING PAPER: Aquifer Protection Area Update
City of Spokane
Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board
9/18/2025

Note to presenters: The CRSB is interested in having workshops with about 2/3 presenter time and 1/3 of a workshop reserved for questions and discussion.

Subject:
Aquifer Protection Area Update. Voters within the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection Area approved the 20-year measure with a 74% "yes" vote in August. City Staff will provide an update on what happens next.

Background:
Aquifer Protection Areas are authorized by RCW 36.36 and approved by a public vote. They provide on-going financial support for a variety of aquifer protection activities, including planning related to protection and preservation of subterranean water, construction of drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater facilities to improve water quality, monitoring and enforcement of standards for protecting groundwater, and public education. The Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer (SVRP) has been designated as a sole source aquifer since 1978, and today it provides drinking water to more than a half million people, including the residents and businesses within the City of Spokane.

Spokane County had planned to ask voters to reauthorize the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie APA in 2025 for another 20 years. The APA includes a per-parcel fee charged through property tax bills for aquifer protection activities. The Spokane area has had an APA since 1984. The City participated in the APA from 1986-2004. The City did not join in the APA in the reauthorization between 2005 and today, but opted to rejoin and authorized the County to place the ballot item before City voters.

Protection of our sole source aquifer is critically important to the City of Spokane, especially considering that we operate the largest drinking water utility in our region. We work and live over our drinking water source so stringent stewardship practices are an absolute must.

Relationship to Plans/Actions:
Participating in the Aquifer Protection Area is consistent with the Water Resources chapter of the Sustainability Action Plan, which includes multiple goals around protecting the Spokane River and Aquifer.

It is also consistent with goals in the City's Comprehensive Plan and Water System Plan that encourage protection and stewardship of the Aquifer.

Additionally, it will support the overall work of the City's Water Utility. As a purveyor of drinking water, we remain committed to protecting the aquifer. Annually, we collect more than 2,000 samples to ensure we are meeting all drinking water standards. We deliver up to 150 million gallons of drinking water in our community daily, as the third largest water purveyor in the state of Washington.

Timeline/ Further Action:
No action is needed at this time. City staff will update the board again with additional information when appropriate in 2026.

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BRIEFING PAPER: Water Conservation Master Plan Update & Related Topics
City of Spokane
Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board
9/18/2025

Note to presenters: The CRSB is interested in having workshops with about 2/3 presenter time and 1/3 of a workshop reserved for questions and discussion.

Subject:
Water Conservation Master Plan Update and Related Topics. Staff will present on the current status of the Water Conservation Master Plan Update as well as related topics on water conservation CRSB Board members have been discussing. The presentation will include a review of changes to the water consumption (use) tier rate structure over the last several years for residential customers and how changing technology will provide greater levels of detail on water use. And, John Porcello, of GSI Water Solutions, will provide his observations around low river levels observed this summer.

Background:
The current Water Conservation Master Plan was adopted by City Council resolution in July 2020. The work to develop the plan followed the Council's adoption of an ordinance (ORD 35630) that detailed work related to water intertie agreements and required more specific water conservation planning efforts. That ordinance was adopted in May 2018.

Since 2003, state law has placed requirements on public water systems to create and maintain water use efficiency programs. The City of Spokane adopted its first water stewardship program in 2006. The current Water Conservation Master Plan built on those past efforts.

Since the Master Plan's adoption, the City Council also has adopted more specific code requirements around conservation. In 2022, Council adopted two levels of water conservation for summertime use that require no watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., every other day watering, and other limitations. The City also has a water-wastewater credit for the 20 percent of Water customers who have the lowest winter water use. And it has updated its water consumption tier structure for residential customers twice during the last several years.

Relationship to Plans/Actions:
The Water Conservation Master Plan helps deliver on the water conservation goals of the Sustainability Action Plan and the City's Water System Plan. The work is consistent with the Facilities Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. Conservation efforts also will tie into the new climate planning work that is being incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Timeline/ Further Action:
Staff is proceeding with its plan to provide multiple touches with the CRSB, the City Council, the Mayor and administration officials, and the public. We plan to incorporate conservation plan public engagement in the larger Comp Plan public engagement efforts. Ultimately, CRSB will be asked to weigh in on the updated master plan as well as water conservation policy efforts.

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BRIEFING PAPER: Clean Buildings Performance Standards
City of Spokane
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9/18/2025

Subject:

The Washington State Department of Commerce Clean Buildings Bill was signed into law in 2019 to help meet statewide energy goals and reduce fossil fuel consumption. Clean Buildings Performance Standards (CBPS) establishes energy use and efficiency standards. The law impacts existing buildings over 20,000 sq ft including buildings owned by the City of Spokane. City of Spokane must implement an energy management plan and operation and maintenance program for each building to meet CBPS.

Failure to meet the CBPS requirements will result in financial penalties.

Background:

The CBPS were originally passed in 2019, revised in 2022, and updated in 2023. CBPS rulemaking is in progress under HB1543.

Relationship to Plans/Actions:

Compliance with CBPS is mandated by state law. Compliance supports the City's goals regarding GHG reduction and energy efficiency in the City of Spokane Sustainability Action Plan and in the new climate element of the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan.

Timeline/ Further Action:

Compliance Deadlines:
June 1, 2026: >220,000 sq. ft.
June 1, 2027: >90,000 sq. ft. but <220,001 sq. ft.
June 1, 2028: >50,000 sq. ft. but <90,001 sq. ft.
July 1, 2027: >20,000 sq. ft. but <50,001 sq. ft. and all multifamily residential buildings <20,000 sq. ft.

HB1543 Rulemaking will be finalized in Dec. 2025. City of Spokane may be eligible for an initial two-year compliance extension based on the proposed rules.

AGENDA