



Climate Advisory Workgroup Meeting Summary August 29, 2022, 5-7 PM

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Agenda Item	Notes
1. Welcome & Introductions	Members and staff introduced themselves.
2. Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Introduction & Background	<p>Casey Mauck gave an overview of the history of climate action planning in the Thurston Region. Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater came together to create the <i>Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan</i> (TCMP) in 2020. The plan outlines a vision and goals to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions, with associated strategies and actions to achieve the goals.</p> <p>The targets are to decrease local emissions 45% below 2015 levels by 2030 and 85% below 2015 levels by 2050. The plan calls for these targets to be achieved in ways that makes progress on other community goals, and emphasizes that state and federal actions will play a large role in addition to local actions.</p> <p>As of 2019, the region is not on track to meet these goals. Emissions have risen 15% from 2015 to 2019. Emissions inventories for 2020 and 2021 will be finished in Q4 2022 and will be presented to the workgroup.</p>
3. Discussion – Vision for the Future	Members split into small groups and discussed what a successful community that has achieved the goals and vision of the TCMP looks like. Responses included equitable access to goods and distribution of costs and benefits, healthy ecosystems in addition to more active, healthy communities, attainable housing for all and denser areas where folks don't need to drive to travel by car, and improved community well-being overall. Members also brought up continuing work past our goals, and creating a community that can serve as an example for improving quality of life while addressing equity and climate change.
4. Climate Advisory Workgroup	Mauck discussed the purpose and duties of the workgroup while presenting the draft workgroup charter. The group's primary purpose is to provide community feedback on climate work priorities and progress. Specific tasks include participating in Steering Committee meetings as non-voting members, reviewing the Annual Work Program and Annual Report, and other tasks as assigned by the Steering Committee.



	<p>Mauck also presented the organizational structure of the Climate Mitigation Plan implementation. The jurisdictions have ultimate authority, and the Steering Committee, composed of elected officials from the jurisdictions, provides oversight for plan implementation. A staff team from the jurisdictions and this workgroup serve an advisory role to the Steering Committee.</p> <p>Members volunteered to serve as non-voting members for the remaining Q3 Steering Committee meeting, September 26, and the Q4 meetings, October 24, November 28, and December 19. Q3's primary representative will be Stephanie, with Kelsey serving as an alternate. Tom will serve for Q4 with Linsey as an alternate.</p> <p>Mauck presented the meeting expectations and norms, which are outlined in the draft charter. Meetings will be held generally on the 1st Monday of the month from 5-7 pm, and the next meeting date will be announced shortly. Members expressed a preference for meeting virtually with one in-person meeting each year. Mauck also presented the conflict-of-interest policy, which emphasizes talking with TRPC prior to a meeting if there is potential for a conflict of interest.</p>
<p>5. Discussion – Group Expectations</p>	<p>Members split into breakout groups to discuss additional norms or expectations that would make the group more successful. Responses included coming to the table with an assumption of good faith, allowing adequate time for reviewing material materials prior the meeting and discussions and questions during meetings, and ensuring that members aren't expected to go above and beyond to conduct extra research outside of meetings. Members brought up building into our processes that people engage in different ways and we should purposefully go about allowing everyone to speak, and the importance of respectfully calling out and calling in when harmful terms or ideas may be used, whether intentionally or not. As the group grows, it will be important to make sure youth, BIPOC, and all members have agency within the group and the group stays accountable to the community for the work we're doing. Suggested meeting changes include setting goals and expectations at the beginning of meetings to ensure everyone understands the meeting's purpose, and continuing to use small discussion groups to give everyone a chance to speak. Members requested more agency in developing meeting agendas.</p> <p>The group charter will be edited to incorporate member feedback and brought to the next meeting for approval.</p>
<p>6. Steering Committee Representative Selection</p>	<p><i>This agenda item was combined into Agenda Item 4, Climate Advisory Workgroup.</i></p>
<p>7. Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.</p>



Meeting Attendance

Workgroup Members:

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Kelsey Hulse
Kim Piper
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