



Climate Action Steering Committee Meeting Summary

September 26, 2022, 3:00-5:00 PM

Link to packet and presentations: <https://www.trpc.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=609>

Agenda Item	Notes
<p>1. Call to Order, Introductions, & Public Comments – All members</p>	<p>Chair Parshley called the Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) meeting to order at 3:00 pm.</p> <p>Steering Committee members, support staff from Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), and staff from Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater provided self-introductions.</p> <p>Chair Parshley requested approval of the agenda.</p> <p>Committee Member Cox, moved, seconded by Committee Member Swarthout, to approve the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee agenda is approved. <p>Chair Parshley requested approval of the August 22, 2022, meeting summary.</p> <p>Committee Member Swarthout, moved, seconded by Committee Member Menser to approve the August 22, 2022, meeting summary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee’s August 22, 2022, meeting summary is approved. <p>Chair Parshley called for comments from members of the public. There were 4 public comments. Brief summaries follow:</p> <p>Melinda Hughes: TCAT is happy to see the Olympia City Council move forward on exploring a revenue stream for climate action. There will be a building code council public hearing on October 14th and TCAT encourages people to testify or provide comments in support of proposed decarbonization measures. Commissioner Bob Hamlin will be meeting with TCAT and they welcome any folks who would like to come along let Melinda or Robert Marino know.</p> <p>Timothy Leadingham: Timothy would like to remind members that trees in the urban area not only provide climate benefits but also health benefits. Urban tree canopy helps to reduce the urban heat</p>



	<p>island effect, and mature trees must also be maintained. Analysis shows pushing through street grids in forested areas can lead to 695 tons of carbon dioxide emitted per mile over a twenty-five year period.</p> <p>Tom Crawford: TCAT is working with each jurisdiction to increase spending on climate action and encourages jurisdiction staff to share their proposed climate funding in the next budget with TCAT. With the climate emergency intensifying and new opportunities available through state and federal legislation, it's important to renew and redouble efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Joel Hansen: The Thurston Youth Climate Coalition will be leading a TCMP 101 event at Beth Hatfiloh on October 13th at 7pm. The event will be held online and in-person.</p>
<p>2a. Advisory Workgroup Update – Casey Mauck, TRPC</p>	<p>Mauck gave an update about the Climate Advisory Workgroup (CAW) and requested appointment of two members to fill the group. The CAW met for the first meeting in August and will act as a community advisory body to the Steering Committee. The multijurisdictional staff team recommended appointment of two members, Tierra Bonds and Jasmin Miller, to fill the group.</p> <p>Committee Member Cox, moved, seconded by Committee Member Swarhout, to appoint Tierra Bonds and Jasmin Miller to the Climate Advisory Workgroup.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to appoint Tierra Bonds and Jasmin Miller to the Climate Advisory Workgroup is approved.
<p>2b. Work Program and Upcoming Meeting Schedule – Allison Osterberg, TRPC</p>	<p>Osterberg discussed a staff proposal to move forward on the 2023/2024 work program and review the TCMP implementation strategy. The proposal includes pausing Steering Committee meetings through the end of the year, and using this time for staff to meet several times and clarify the roles and responsibilities in the TCMP implementation.</p> <p>Members expressed support for the proposal and emphasized a need to go back to discussing the implementation approach as many new staff members have joined the team. Members expressed a desire to hold the November Steering Committee meeting but cancel the October and December meetings. The November meeting can be used to review the results of the greenhouse gas inventory and the status of the white papers. This meeting may be cancelled if the chair and vice-chair do not feel there is sufficient reason to convene the group.</p>



	<p>The Climate Advisory Workgroup will review the implementation approach developed by the staff team in December, and in January the Steering Committee meeting could be a longer retreat to review the results of the staff team and workgroup discussions.</p>
<p>3a. Jurisdictional Information Sharing – All Members</p>	<p>Thurston County (Tye Menser) – The county has hired a Climate Coordinator, and she will be starting virtually in late October. Commissioner Menser spoke at a rally in front of the Board of Natural Resources in early September and DNR will be meeting with the county in regards to their carbon project soon. The county is appealing the SEPA determination of the Summit Lake DNR project and a resident of this area sent over an annotated bibliography on carbon sequestration that will be shared with staff. The county is proposing to hire a consultant to help navigate the new funding opportunities opening up due to recent legislation.</p> <p>Lacey (Carolyn Cox) – Lacey continues to focus on energy efficiency and is working to electrify their fleet. Planning staff has included a Sustainability Coordinator in their proposed budget</p> <p>Tumwater (Eileen Swarthout) – Tumwater will be reviewing their budget and has submitted a pre-application with the City of Olympia and Thurston County for a grant to fund electric vehicle planning work. Work is moving forward to install LED lighting at Tumwater Timberland Regional Library, and the Stream Team has created an anti-idling policy for City staff. Legislation passed around organic compost waste will come into effect in October and staff is working on a model ordinance. Tumwater is reviewing their Commute Trip Reduction program and is exploring providing incentives for electric vehicles.</p> <p>Olympia (Lisa Parshley) – The City is working on city facility retrofits, and the climate and equity framework will be used for all items going to council. The City has completed a solar feasibility inventory for all City facilities and the heat pump group purchase campaign with Habitat for Humanity is ongoing. City Council is drafting a public comment letter to the State Building Code Council around EV readiness. A CivicSpark fellow, Ali Bailey, is on board to support the heat pump purchase program and research strategies for decarbonization of existing buildings. Olympia is exploring ways to create a dedicated revenue stream for climate action.</p> <p>Climate Advisory Workgroup (Stephanie Bishop) – The Climate Advisory Workgroup met for the first time in August, and the meeting was focused around getting to know each other.</p>



<p>4a. State Organic Waste Programs – Chery Sullivan, WA State Dept. of Ecology</p>	<p>Sullivan presented information about the newly passed Organics Management Law. The law seeks to reduce methane emissions from solid waste by diverting organics from landfills. There are several new requirements for local governments and businesses around organics collection, and the state has a shared folder that provides resources to local governments on compost procurement, facility siting, and more.</p>
<p>4b. Thurston County Solid Waste Reduction Programs – Dean Boening & April Leigh, Thurston County Public Works</p>	<p>Boening gave an overview of the Thurston County solid waste system, including the breakdown of county solid waste, Roosevelt Landfill, and different county programs in place to reduce and divert waste. There are several things on the horizon for solid waste including a new waste characterization study, implementation of the organics management law, and new WARC operations contract.</p> <p>Committee members expressed a desire for more coordination between waste haulers, and education and outreach programs to help the public understand how to reduce food waste and properly dispose of all waste.</p>
<p>5. Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.</p>



Meeting Attendance

Steering Committee Present Online:

Lisa Parshley – City of Olympia representative and Chair
Tye Menser – Thurston County representative and Vice Chair
Carolyn Cox – City of Lacey representative

Charlie Schneider – City of Tumwater alternate
Eileen Swarhout – City of Tumwater representative
Stephanie Bishop – Climate Advisory Workgroup representative

Public Present Online:

Andrew Goffeney
Jasmin Miller
Jeffrey Miller
Joe Carlson
Joel Hansen
Melinda Hughes

Robert Marino
Thad Curtz
Tierra Bonds
Timothy Leadingham
Tom Crawford
Wayne Olsen

Staff and Other Attendees Present Online:

Lacey

Grant Beck
Hans Shepherd

Olympia

Ali Bailey
Pamela Braff

Tumwater

Alyssa Jones-Wood

TRPC

Allison Osterberg
Casey Mauck
Karen Parkhurst

Next Meeting: November 28, 2022

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