



Climate Action Steering Committee Meeting Summary

February 27, 2023, 3:00-5:00 PM

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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 Menser, 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 November 28, 2022 and January 23, 2023 meeting summaries.</p> <p>Committee Member Swarthout, moved, seconded by Committee Member Cox to approve the November 28, 2022 and January 23, 2023 meeting summaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee’s November 28, 2022 and January 23, 2023 meeting summaries is approved. <p>Chair Parshley called for comments from members of the public. There were 7 public comments from Erin Greenlee, Joel Hansen, Julie Ratner, Lynn Fitz-Hugh, Natasha Hays, Robert Marino, and Charlotte Persons.</p>
<p>2a. Retreat Outcomes and Next Steps – Allison Osterberg, TRPC</p>	<p>Osterberg provided an update following the CASC’s retreat in January. At the retreat, staff and CASC members found agreement on key issues for roles and process. TRPC was asked to draft a new interlocal agreement, and the staff team would review the agreement and draft a new scope of work for TRPC.</p> <p>The proposed next steps include Climate Advisory Workgroup meetings in March and April to discuss the implementation proposal</p>



	<p>and regional items, a CASC meeting in March to approve the revised guidance and interlocal agreement, and City Council and County Board approval of the new agreement in April and May.</p> <p>To support the proposed next steps, staff requested the 2022 work program be extended past the current end date of March 2023. No additional funds are needed, and any funds remaining when the existing interlocal agreement is terminated will remain with the jurisdictions.</p> <p>Committee Member Menser, moved, seconded by Committee Member Cox, to approve an extension of the existing work program through June 30, 2023, or until such time as a new ILA is approved by all four jurisdictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to approve an extension of the existing work program through June 30, 2023, or until such time as a new ILA is approved by all four jurisdictions is approved.
2b. 2022 Annual Report – Casey Mauck, TRPC	Mauck presented an overview of the 2022 Annual Report . The report provides an overview of progress towards the targets included in the TCMP and highlights ongoing work by the TCMP partners.
2c. Carbon Sequestration – Allison Osterberg, TRPC	<p>Osterberg discussed the Carbon Sequestration white paper, which provides an overview of estimated carbon sequestration in the Thurston Region, outlines the role of sequestration in the TCMP, and provides policy options and next steps.</p> <p>It is estimated that forest and trees in Thurston County sequester approximately 927k metric tons of CO₂ per year, and this estimate is decreasing as more forested lands are developed. The TCMP actions are not projected to increase sequestration enough to meet the 2050 target of increasing sequestration by 40%. TCMP partners have a menu of options on how to move forward, ranging from regenerative agriculture to partnerships with local organizations.</p> <p>Committee Member Menser highlighted the large role the County will need to play to support sequestration, and encouraged members and residents of other jurisdictions to stay involved and supportive of sequestration actions. Tom Crawford emphasized the need to expand action rapidly to meet this need.</p>
3a. Jurisdictional Information Sharing – All Members	Eileen Swarthout (City of Tumwater) – The City passed a compost procurement ordinance and is continuing to work on tree codes. The City has applied for a Commercial Electric Charging Grant and is looking at putting a dual port charger at Pioneer Park. The City is looking into a solar feasibility study to install a battery backup at the Tumwater Timberland Regional Library branch.



	<p>Carolyn Cox (City of Lacey) – Lacey is accepting applications for a Sustainability Coordinator and has first interviews scheduled. The City is looking forward to working towards the new interlocal agreement.</p> <p>Tye Menser (Thurston County) – The County is working on electric vehicle infrastructure work and a proposal will go to the BoCC next month. Fleet electrification continues to be a priority and the first F150 electric truck has arrived. The county may lease land at the Waste and Recovery Center to PSE for a solar project, and is working towards SolSmart certification. C-PACER is now accepting applications and the County is launching a new website that will have a climate page. Thurston County is involved in the Washington Association of Counties and Committee Member Menser is interviewing for the Western Washington County seat on the Building Code Council. There are two more DNR legacy forest cuts lined up that the BoCC is intending to oppose.</p> <p>Lisa Parshley (City of Olympia) – Work continues on fleet electrification and an RFP is out for a consultant to provide information on fleet electrification and necessary infrastructure. The heat pump group purchase campaign with Habitat for Humanity is launching in April and a Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment is beginning in partnership with ICLEI. Work also continues on an electric vehicle parking policy and all items going to City Council are going through the Climate and Equity framework. The City has two new staff members in the climate program: Kyle Chase, Buildings and Energy Program Manager, and a Program Specialist coming soon. The City’s finance committee will be looking into sustained and resilient revenue streams for climate action.</p>
4. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.



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 Swarthout – City of Tumwater representative
Tom Crawford – Climate Advisory Workgroup representative

Public Present Online:

Amy Tousley
Charlotte Persons
Erin Greenlee
Jeffrey Miller
Joel Carlson
Joel Hansen
Julie Ratner
Kim Piper

Kristine Rompa
Lyn Lirio
Lynn Fitz-Hugh
Natasha Hays
R. Peggy Smith
Robert Marino
Wayne Olsen
*1 additional member was present by phone

Staff and Other Attendees Present Online:

Lacey

Grant Beck

Thurston County

Rebecca Harvey

Olympia

Pamela Braff

TRPC

Allison Osterberg
Casey Mauck
Karen Parkhurst

Tumwater

Alyssa Jones-Wood

Next Meeting: March 27, 2023

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