

Icebreakers

- Name & Pronouns
- One thing you like about spring
- *Is there anything that you would like the group to know to support your participation?*

Meeting Agenda & Objectives

AGENDA

1. Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Implementation Model (20 mins)
2. Breakout Discussions 1 (20 mins)
3. Full Group Discussion 1 (10 mins)
4. Breakout Discussions 2 (20 mins)
5. Full Group Discussion 2 (15 mins)
6. Next Meeting & Questions (20 mins)

OBJECTIVES

1. Understand how different parties in regional climate action work together
2. Provide feedback on the new proposal for regional coordination

THURSTON

CLIMATE

MITIGATION

PLAN

Regional Implementation Guidance

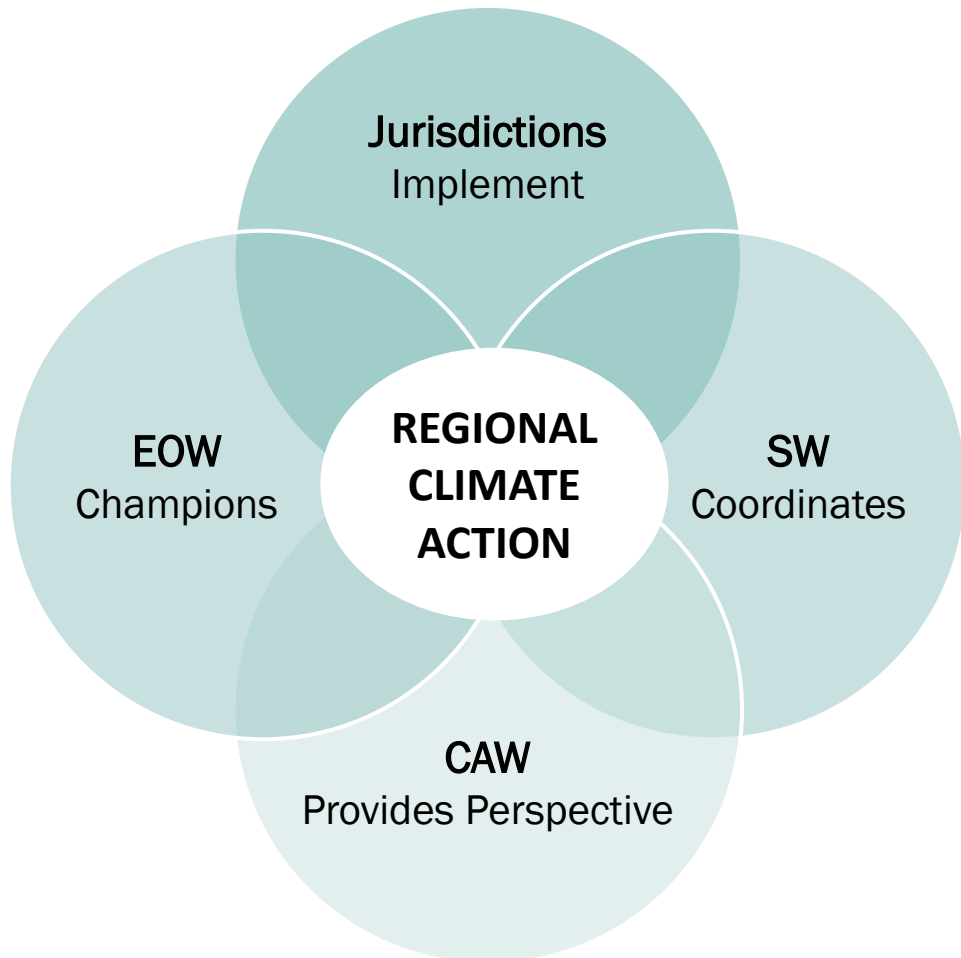
CLIMATE ADVISORY WORKGROUP

March 7, 2023

Agenda

- Proposed Implementation Approach
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Annual Retreat and Regional Initiatives
- Discussion

Proposed Implementation Approach



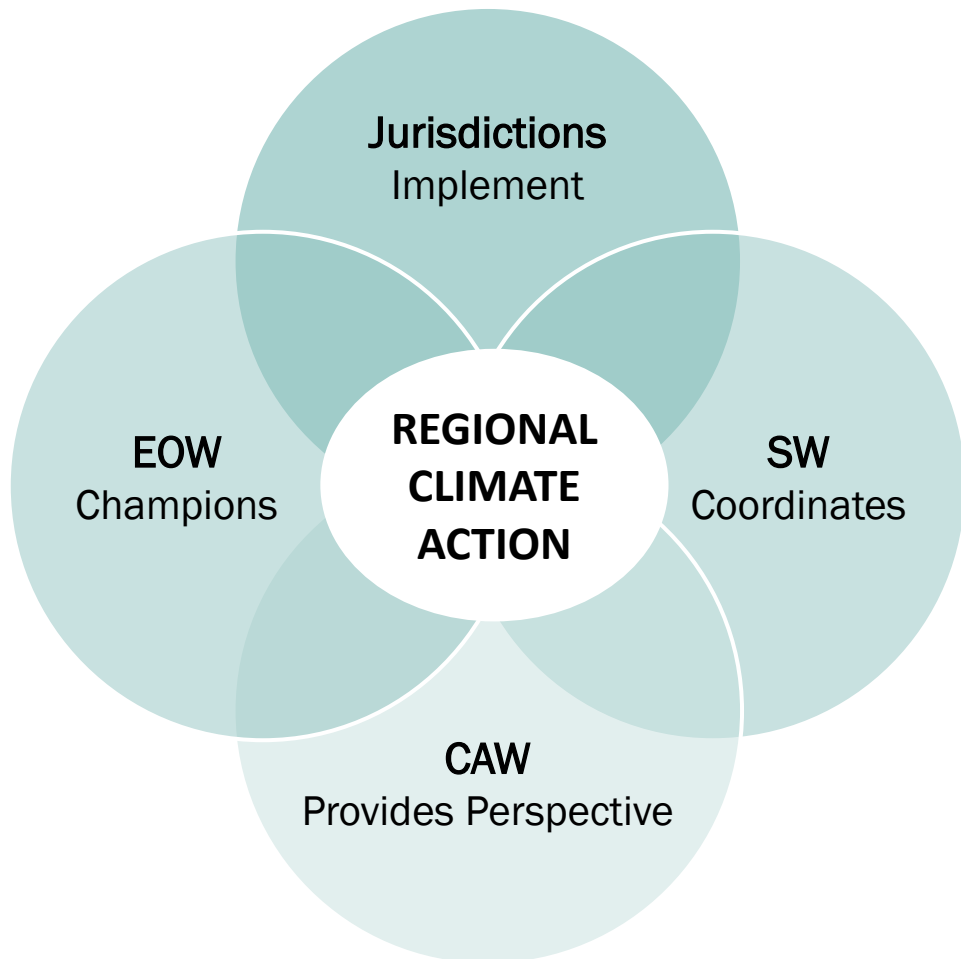
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Jurisdictions

Role

Have ultimate decision-making authority over implementation of climate mitigation activities.

Make independent decisions on which strategies and actions to implement and how to resource and tailor implementation to work best for their jurisdiction.

Responsibilities

- Approves ILA, and any amendments.
- Approves contracts to support work identified in the ILA, including support for oversight and coordination committees, monitoring and assessment activities.
- Assigns staff members to the SW.
- Appoints representatives to the EOW.
- Determines budgets, staffing, and work programs for implementing climate mitigation actions.
- Receives and considers recommendations from the SW and EOW, including amendments to the TCMP and legislative priorities.
- Advocates for legislative priorities, which may include climate priorities identified through regional collaboration.

Staff Workgroup (SW)

Role

Actively facilitates cross-jurisdictional coordination on TCMP implementation.

Brings back information and recommendations from and to the decision-making bodies of individual Jurisdiction Parties.

Responsibilities (1/2)

- Develops contracts and scopes of work to support work identified in the ILA (support for oversight and coordination committees, monitoring and assessment activities).
- Approves meeting frequency and agendas for the EOW.
- Appoints members of the CAW.
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- Develops an agenda for the Annual Retreat and determines the need for facilitation of that event.
- Assists in development of annual progress report.
- Shares information on jurisdiction-led climate mitigation implementation activities.

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Actively facilitates cross-jurisdictional coordination on TCMP implementation.

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Responsibilities (2/2)

- Coordinates on opportunities for regional collaboration, including funding.
- Identifies and recommends amendments to TCMP, based on emerging information.
- Identifies and recommends legislative priorities.
- Identifies items that require discussion by the EOW and CAW, including a list of potential regional items for discussion at the Annual Retreat.
- Brings items forward for CAW review and feedback.
- Reports out to the EOW on any regional items identified at the Annual Retreat.

Climate Advisory Workgroup (CAW)

Role

Provides community perspectives and input on climate mitigation progress and priorities to the Jurisdiction Parties, SW, and CAW.

Responsibilities

- Reviews and provides feedback on climate mitigation actions led by Jurisdiction Parties (can make recommendations to individual jurisdictions on climate implementation priorities).
- Identifies comments or perspectives for the group facilitator to report out to EOW and SW.
- Requests agenda items for consideration at future CAW meetings.
- Reviews the annual report.
- Other tasks as requested by the EOW or SW.

Elected Official Workgroup (EOW)

Role

Builds partnerships and champions implementation by staff and partners.

Reviews implementation progress and recommends amendments to the TCMP.

Identifies regional initiatives for consideration by jurisdiction partners.

Responsibilities

- Reviews progress toward achieving emissions targets.
- Approves any items for potential regional focus by consensus at the Annual Retreat.
- Receives updates on any regional items identified at the Annual Retreat.
- Reviews and recommends proposed amendments to TCMP, based on emerging information.

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Following the Retreat:

- EOW may approve regional initiatives for consideration by Jurisdictions.
- Jurisdictions decide whether to allocate staff and resources to implement regional initiatives.

Proposed Process for Regional Initiatives

SW, CAW, and EOW submit proposals for regionally coordinated initiatives.

SW evaluates proposals and identifies short list for discussion at annual retreat.

STEP 1:

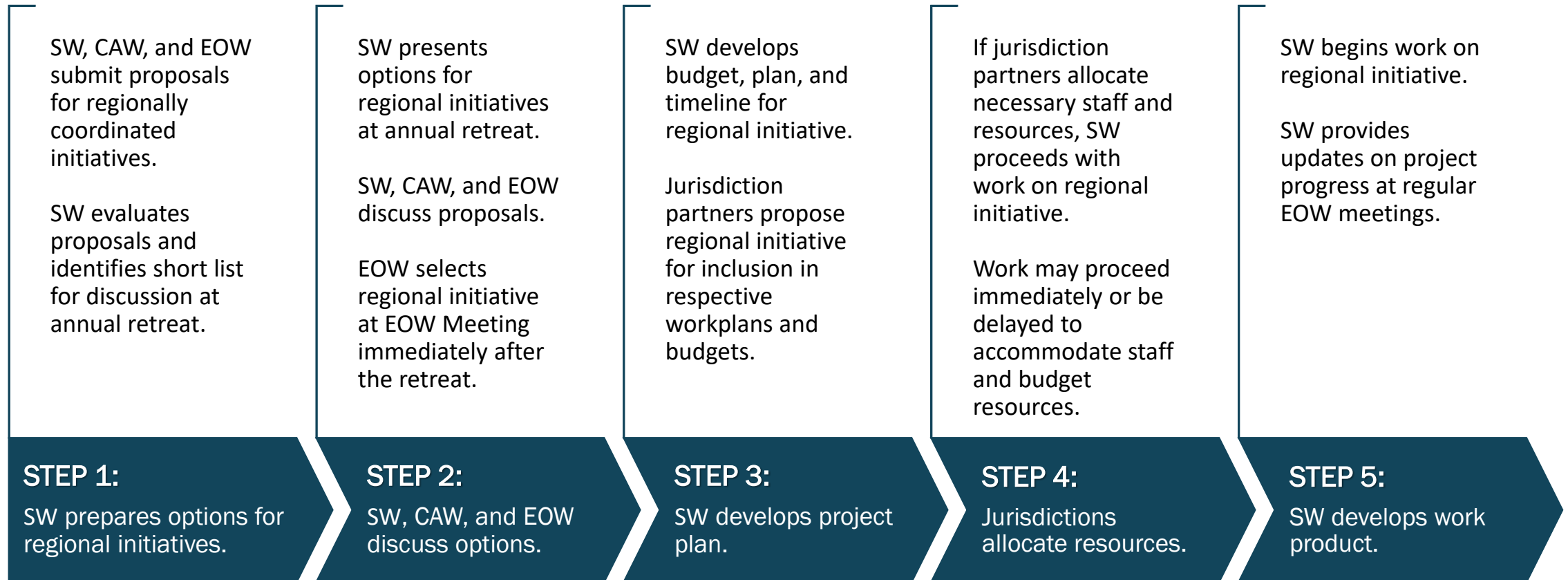
SW prepares options for regional initiatives.

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Workgroup Logistics

- 10 – 12 meetings per year
- Removing member organizations
- All terms end in August/September – we will reach out in June to see if you would like to continue with the group
- Switch in roles/meeting frequency will occur in fall
- Workgroup members are invited to optional annual retreat

Discussion

Any clarifying questions?

Discussion Item 1

CONCEPT 1

The new regional implementation guidance clarifies how the TCMP partners will work together to identify and implement regionally coordinated initiatives. Under this proposal, the CAW would have two opportunities to provide input on potential regional initiatives.

- Submitting proposals for regional coordinated initiatives.
- Participation in an annual retreat with the SW and EOW to discuss proposals.

QUESTIONS

- Is this the right amount of input to for the CAW to provide in selecting regional initiatives?
- Are there any other times or mechanisms you would to include for the CAW to provide input on regional priorities?

Discussion Item 2

CONCEPT 2

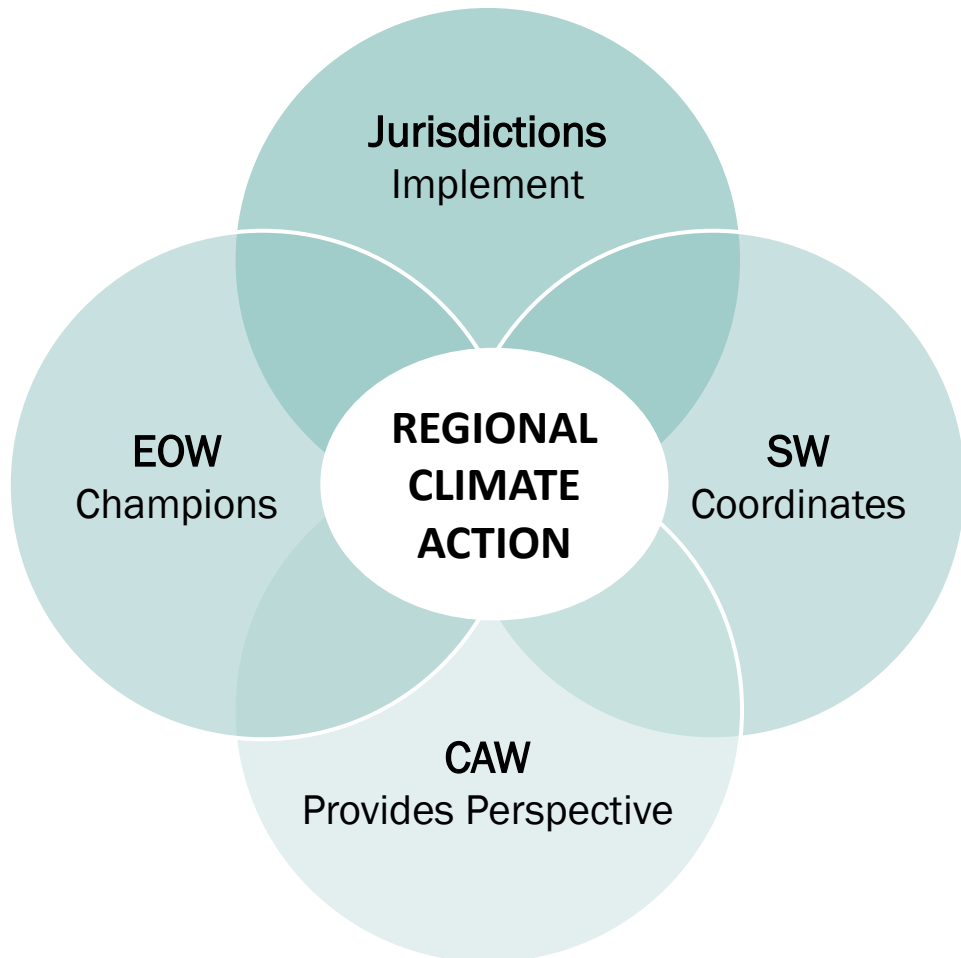
This proposal expands the role of CAW from how it was originally envisioned. Rather than only providing community perspectives on items under consideration by the EOW, the CAW will now be asked to also provide feedback on climate mitigation actions led by individual jurisdiction parties.

This will provide CAW members greater opportunity to provide direct feedback on implementation of the TCMP, but it will also increase the CAW's meeting frequency (10-12 times per year).

QUESTIONS

- In previous meetings, many CAW members indicated a strong desire to provide more feedback on TCMP implementation. Does the revised scope of the CAW address this need?
- Is 10-12 meetings per year the right frequency of meetings for the CAW's expanded role?

Discussion Item 3: Any other feedback?



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Coming Up Soon

Steering Committee – 3/27, 3-5PM, Zoom

- Review workgroup discussion and take action on implementation structure (potentially)
- Jurisdiction Updates

TRPC will share a recap of this meeting at the next CASC meeting. Is there anything from our discussion today you would like to be shared with the Steering Committee?

Climate Advisory Workgroup – 4/4, 4-6 PM, Zoom

- Report back on structure and interlocal agreement
- Review and discuss annual report
- Regional initiatives discussion

Questions?