



## Climate Advisory Workgroup Meeting Summary May 31, 2023, 4-5PM

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Agenda Item	Notes
1. Welcome and Introductions	Members and staff introduced themselves.
2. Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP) ILA Update	<p>Allison Osterberg announced that Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) will not be facilitating the workgroup or coordinating TCMP implementation moving forward. As the four jurisdictions have all hired dedicated climate staff positions, there is less need for a regional coordinator.</p> <p>Rebecca Harvey gave an overview of several updates from the Multijurisdictional Staff Team (MST) regarding the workgroup and larger climate collaborative:</p> <p>The interlocal agreement between the jurisdictions is almost fully drafted, and should be ready for Steering Committee review at their July meeting and approval at the August meeting. TRPC will continue to provide Steering Committee support for these two meetings.</p> <p>The Staff Team is drafting a scope of work to contract with a consultant to complete administrative tasks for the collaborative, including maintaining the online Climate Dashboard and completing the Annual Report. The consultant should be on board by October 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>The Greenhouse Gas Inventory, formerly completed by Thurston Climate Action Team and TRPC, will be completed by ICLEI through a contact with Thurston County. Previous inventories have used ICLEI’s software and methodology.</p> <p>The Annual Retreat is scheduled for Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Details are provided below in agenda item 4.</p> <p>The workgroup will continue with their expanded role and increased meeting frequency of 10-12 meetings per year under a new facilitator. The Staff Team hopes to have the new facilitator in place by October 1<sup>st</sup>, and the workgroup will not have meetings until that time. The Staff Team plans to reach out to members around the end of summer to see who wants to continue with the group.</p>



	<p>The Staff Team is continuing to meet regularly, carry out climate mitigation actions, and will post summaries of their meetings online. Workgroup members can reach out to them directly with any questions or concerns.</p>
3. Discussion	<p>Members had the opportunity to ask questions about the announcements and planned group changes.</p> <p>A member asked if TRPC will still be participating in the group; they will not be. TRPC is still a regional partner to all the jurisdictions but does not have a place in the workgroup. Members asked if climate action implementation is still happening and how to engage in implementation; the Staff Team is still working on a wide variety of climate actions individually and regionally and members of the public can contact them directly to share thoughts. A member asked if the open slots in the group will be filled; a recruitment process to fill open slots will occur once the new facilitator is on board.</p>
4. Next Meeting and Questions	<p>Harvey provided details about the upcoming Annual Climate Retreat. The retreat will be held on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-12:30pm at Lacey City Hall. There will be a Zoom option for attendees to view the event. The retreat will be facilitated by a professional facilitator and include introductions, jurisdiction updates, a presentation on the short list of potential regional initiatives, and a discussion to come to consensus on one regional initiative. A regional initiative is an action that the four jurisdictions' elected officials can champion together. All workgroup members are invited to the retreat.</p> <p>Members asked questions about the retreat details and provided suggestions on the agenda and timing. Members were concerned that one hour for the regional initiatives discussion was not long enough to dive deep into these items and hear from a wide range of community perspectives. A member shared an overarching concern that there has not been a platform for longer, deeper discussion on climate action in general in the region and the workgroup's regional initiative process did not provide enough in-depth discussion and reflection. Staff asked if members would prefer that the retreat was longer, and if so, whether time should be added in the morning or afternoon. Some members suggested adding time in the afternoon, though they recognized it may be harder for some folks to attend a longer meeting. The staff team will look into shifting agenda items around or adding time to the event to provide for a longer discussion on regional initiatives.</p> <p>A member asked if staff are following federal and state programs that may provide funding for climate actions; the Staff Team is closely following new programs at the state and federal levels and are also looking into developing outreach programs to promote funding that goes straight to consumers and property owners.</p>
5. Adjourn	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.</p>



## Meeting Attendance

**Workgroup Members:**

Amy Tousley  
Hazel Stephens  
Jessica Gould  
Justin Schmal  
Kim Piper  
Sara Wattenberg  
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Tom Crawford

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