

**Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative: Executive Committee
Meeting Summary DRAFT
August 28, 2023, 3:00-5:00 PM**

Link to packet and presentations: <https://www.trpc.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=727>

Agenda Item	Notes
<p>1. Call to Order, Introductions, & Public Comments – All members</p>	<p>Chair Parshley called the Executive Committee (EC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm.</p> <p>Executive 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>Committee Member Swarthout moved, seconded by Committee Member Cox, to approve the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the Executive Committee agenda is approved. <p>Chair Parshley requested approval of the July 24, 2023 meeting summary.</p> <p>Committee Member Cox moved, seconded by Committee Member Menser, to approve the July 24, 2023 meeting summary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve the July 24, 2023 meeting summary is approved. <p>Chair Parshley called for comments from members of the public. There were 2 public comments: Tom Crawford and Janine L.</p>
<p>2a. Approval of Proposed Community Advisory Workgroup Recruitment and Appointment Process – Alyssa Jones-Wood, City of Tumwater</p>	<p>Jones-Wood presented the proposed recruitment and appointment process for the Community Advisory Workgroup (CAW). The CAW is responsible for providing feedback on climate mitigation actions led by the jurisdiction parties. The CAW is a community body that reflects a variety of community perspectives. The Staff Team has identified a timeline for an upcoming recruitment and selection process to fill the CAW, with the goal to have all slots filled by late October.</p> <p>Jones-Wood presented the draft application and demographic survey. Committee members suggested highlighting that experience areas may include, but are not limited to, those listed and adding educational experience next to professional experience.</p> <p>Committee Member Cox moved, seconded by Committee Member Swarthout, to approve the CAW recruitment and appointment process as proposed by the Staff Team.</p>

	<p>Motion to approve the CAW recruitment and appointment process as proposed by the Staff Team is approved.</p> <p>Committee Member Menser moved, seconded by Committee Member Cox, to approve the CAW application with modifications.</p> <p>Motion to approve the CAW application with modifications is approved.</p> <p>Committee Member Cox moved, seconded by Committee Member Menser, to invite representatives from all supporting partners listed in the TCMP to present their progress in implementing the TCMP annually at an Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p>Motion to invite representatives from all supporting partners listed in the TCMP to present their progress in implementing the TCMP annually at an Executive Committee meeting is approved.</p>
<p>2b. Update on Forest Advocacy Regional Initiative – Rebecca Harvey, Thurston County</p>	<p>Harvey presented a plan for the Executive Committee to work on the two regional initiatives that were advanced via Executive Committee advocacy with minimal Staff Team involvement at the June 26, 2023, meeting: Rural Tree Canopy Targets and State Forest Lands Management Advocacy. Each EC meeting from October 2023 to December 2024 will include a forest advocacy standing agenda item. The tentative schedule includes information on both topics at the October 2023 meeting and potential action at the Q1 2024 meeting such as letters of support for legislation or Thurston County rural tree canopy targets.</p> <p>Members asked who is tracking forest legislation, and suggested checking in with jurisdiction lobbyists. A member suggested asking for letters of support as early as possible, such as during the October meeting if it is known that a bill will be coming in the 2024 legislative session.</p>
<p>3a. Jurisdictional Information Sharing</p>	<p>City of Tumwater (Eileen Swarthout) – Tumwater submitted an EECBG grant application for the energy regional initiative, and was awarded SolSmart silver. They piloted recycling and composting at Brew Fest and will be doing so at Fall Fest. The October 7th City Clean-up will include collecting rechargeable lithium batteries and devices.</p> <p>City of Lacey (Linsey Fields) – Lacey has launched the PSE matching rebate program, and will be conducting outreach at Lacey Children’s Day and at a virtual information session on September 17th. They submitted a letter of intent for SolSmart designation and are on track to purchase 9 Electric Vehicles (EVs) by the end of the year. They are looking at putting more EV chargers at their shop. Lacey will be looking into quantifying the number of climate refugees in the City</p>

	<p>during the comprehensive plan update process, and are trying to get a moon tree seedling.</p> <p>Thurston County (Tye Menser/Rebecca Harvey) – The Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) has a meeting with DNR Commissioner Hilary Franz soon to discuss mature, complex forests. King County opposed a sale of forestland based on climate change considerations, and Jefferson County recently got a sale stopped due to lack of climate change analysis. The County was awarded SolSmart silver and PSE has put the Thurston County landfill on a short list for a solar installation. On September 25th the BoCC will be briefed on a policy for public EV charging, and staff submitted a budget request for an EV infrastructure assessment for public and county vehicles. Harvey will be a panelist at Infra Day in Seattle on September 19th. Staff are working with solid waste and communications staff on public outreach for composting and waste reduction. Staff are developing a scope of work for the climate change element of the comprehensive plan, and Thurston County has volunteered to be part of a Climate Commitment Act project to swap 200 acres of forestland in the county to protect mature, complex forests.</p> <p>City of Olympia (Lisa Parshley/Pamela Braff) – The City submitted a letter of intent for a \$75 million NOAA Coastal Regional Resilience Challenge grant to support implementation of Olympia’s Sea Level Rise response plan and early work for the Deschutes Estuary restoration project. Council approved a new EV charging code. The Energize Olympia pilot program closes on August 31st and so far 34 heat pumps have been installed with 18 fully subsidized. There have been 500 community engagements and over 3,000 website views; if more grant money comes in there is a waitlist for additional subsidized units.</p>
4. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Meeting Attendance

Executive 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

Eileen Swarthout – City of Tumwater representative
Kim Piper – Community Advisory Workgroup representative

Public Present Online:

Janine L.
Phyllis Farrell
R. Peggy Smith
Sara Wattenberg

Thad Curtz
Tom Crawford
Wayne Olsen
Wendy Steffensen

Staff and Other Attendees Present Online:

Olympia

Pamela Braff

Thurston County
Rebecca Harvey

Lacey

Linsey Fields

TRPC

Allison Osterberg
Casey Mauck

Tumwater

Alyssa Jones-Wood

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