

Executive Committee (EC) Meeting

Meeting Summary

Monday, June 24, 2024, 4 –6 P.M.

Link to meeting packet: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/board-county-commissioners/climate-change-response/thurston-climate-mitigation-collaborative-meetings>

EC Members Present:

Lacey City Councilmember Carolyn Cox (alternate), Olympia City Councilmember Lisa Parshley (Chair), Tumwater City Councilmember Eileen Swarhout, Olympia City Councilmember Robert Vanderpool (alternate), Lacey City Councilmember Robin Vasquez, and Allyn Hershey (designated as additional alternate representative for Thurston County)

Shannon Sipher, CAW representative

EC Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Linsey Fields (City of Lacey), Rebecca Harvey (Thurston County), Daniel Dickerman (ISC) and Rafiqa Shabazz Brinkley (ISC)

Members of the Public Present:

Joel Hansen, Tom Crawford, Janet Nazy, Stephen Bernath, Kristine Rompa (Puget Sound Energy), Wendy Steffensen (LOTT Clean Water Alliance)

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Opening 1A. Call to Order 1B. Approval of Agenda 1C. Approval of previous meeting summaries <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attachment 1: April 22, 2024 Meeting Summary	Chair Parshley called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. PT <ul style="list-style-type: none">Committee Member Cox motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Committee Member Eileen Swarhout. Agenda was approved.Committee Member Cox motioned to approve the meeting summary from the May Executive Committee Meeting. Seconded by Committee Member Eileen Swarhout. Meeting summary was approved.
2. Public Comment	Janet Nazy introduced herself as the new Executive Director of the Thurston Climate Action Team. She is coming to learn about the work and is excited to work with the TCMC. Tom Crawford supports the Letter from Community Advisory Workgroup (CAW) members to be presented later in the meeting. Staff and Elected Officials are doing great work. Stephen Bernath provided a written comment: "I am a member of the CAW. I support the letter you will hear about during the CAW update. We are concerned about the need

	<p>for more resources in order to move more quickly to meet the goals of the climate mitigation plan. This is not about existing staff and their commitment, but a realization based on our progress that more resources are needed. The CAW is ready to assist in identifying and/or supporting putting more resources into implementing the climate mitigation plan. Thank you for your consideration.”</p>
<p>3. Announcements</p>	<p>No announcements</p>
<p>4. Committee Business 4A. TCMC Supporting Partner Updates <i>Briefing and discussion</i></p>	<p>Wendy Steffensen, from LOTT, presented on the new Greenhouse Gas Inventory from the LOTT Clean Water Alliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOTT’s biggest source of GHG emissions is from purchased electricity, but its total amount has been decreasing over time. • LOTT undertook a major construction project, the Biological Improvements Project, which saves approximately 2.5 million KW/year, an estimated 1,143 Metric Tons of CO2. As a result of this program, LOTT was awarded an Energy Conservation Grant from PSE in December 2023. • They were also successfully able to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 18% since 2015. • LOTT is in the process of conducting a Climate Action Assessment Report to help further decrease their CO2 emissions. In addition, they are actively working with their board on GHG policy and their strategic goals. <p>Kristine Rompa, from Puget Sound Energy, gave a presentation on PSE’s role as a partner in residential energy audits, EV parking, LED lighting in the public sector, energy education, and natural gas to electric conversions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of PSE’s Residential Energy audits are done online. There is also a 1-800 number on energy advisement and rebates. • PSE launched a program to construct EV charging stations in 2023 for multifamily, fleet, and workplace, and in 2024 PSE launched both public and residential charging programs and tech demonstrations. • Lighting incentives can be used in public buildings in both existing or new construction and covers interior and exterior lighting for upgrades to LED lighting. They also have several energy education programs and Technical Assistance offerings. • PSE’s website has information on their website on electric conversion. • In 2023 they launched a program where they have representatives conduct free in-home electrification

	assessments, give suggestions on how to convert, and give information on rebates.
<p>5. Committee Business 4B. Selection of 2025 TCMC Regional Initiative</p> <p><i>Discuss and select TCMC regional initiative</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attachment 2: 2025 Regional Initiatives Memo • Attachment 2A: Regional Initiatives Options Table 	<p>Staff Team member Linsey Fields updated the EC on the regional initiative selection process. Potential 2025 regional initiatives were narrowed down to the following two options during the 2024 TCMC Annual Retreat:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A gap analysis of regional and jurisdictional plans and policies that aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Transportation Sector by reducing vehicle miles traveled. 2. Review and analysis of home energy assessment and disclosure programs for multifamily and manufactured homes, with an emphasis on expanding the Home Energy Score Ordinance/program to include these additional housing types. <p>Committee Member Vasquez moved to adopt option 1 as the 2025 Regional Initiative. Seconded by Committee Member Swarthout.</p> <p>The Executive Committee voted and approved the transportation gap analysis as the Regional Initiative for 2025.</p> <p>Staff Team member Rebecca Harvey stated that an estimated budget for the selected regional initiative will be included in the 2025-2026 TCMC Workplan and Budget Proposal, which will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting.</p>
<p>4. Committee Business 4C. Thurston County 2022 Greenhouse Gas Inventory</p> <p><i>Briefing and discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attachment 3: 2022 Greenhouse Gas Inventory Memo • Attachment 3A: Final Report-2022 Greenhouse Gas Inventory 	<p>Presentation by Staff Team member Rebecca Harvey on Thurston County GHG inventory.</p> <p>In 2020, Thurston County, and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater, finalized the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP), which includes the mutual goal of reducing community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 45% by 2030 and 85% by 2050, relative to a 2015 baseline. Conducting regular greenhouse gas inventories helps to monitor regional progress towards reaching these goals. Over the past year, Thurston County has been working with ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability USA, to conduct a 2022 Greenhouse Gas Inventory for Thurston County.</p> <p>In 2022, the region’s greenhouse gas emissions were estimated to be 3.26 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO₂e). 2022 emissions are approximately 6.6% higher than the 2015 baseline, but 5.8% lower than the peak in 2019. Emissions decreased in 2020 due to a reduction in on-road transportation during the Covid-19</p>

	<p>Pandemic, but they increased again in 2021 and 2022. Much like the rest of the world, emissions are not on track to meet the 2030 and 2050 targets. However, per capita emissions have decreased since 2015.</p> <p>The WA Dept of Commerce is currently conducting another community-wide GHG inventory for Thurston County to support the development of the Comprehensive Plan Climate Element. As next steps for the TCMC, staff will suggest recommendations to align Comprehensive Plan goals and targets with future TCMP updates and may consider conducting a “Contribution Analysis” to better understand drivers of change in the County’s emissions over time. The Staff Team recommends a three-year interval for future GHG inventories and will bring this frequency discussion back to the EC at the next meeting.</p>
<p>5. Standing Agenda Items 5A. CAW Updates</p>	<p>CAW Facilitator Dan Dickerman (ISC) gave CAW Updates:</p> <p>In January, the CAW’s youth representative Elsie Sable resigned due to time constraints; the youth alternate (Jolie Song) has also been unable to attend meetings since January. The Staff Team is making plans to replace the youth representative in the CAW.</p> <p>CAW representative Shannon Sipher read an open letter that was written and signed by 11 members of the CAW encouraging the EC to prioritize resources for the work of the TCMC.</p> <p>The Executive Committee suggested discussing the letter more at the next Executive Committee meeting.</p>
<p>5. Standing Agenda Items 5B. Jurisdiction Updates</p>	<p>Executive Committee moved jurisdiction updates to the next Executive Committee meeting on July 22nd.</p>
<p>6. Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 P.M.</p>

Meeting summary is prepared by Rafiq ShaBazz Brinkley, Program Assistant, ISC. This summary is not verbatim. A recording of this meeting is available at: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/board-county-commissioners/climate-change-response/thurston-climate-mitigation-collaborative-meetings>