

Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative: Community Advisory Workgroup Meeting

Meeting Summary

Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 4 – 6 P.M.

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

CAW Members Present: Stephen Bernath, Tierra Bonds, Courtney Cecale, Tom Crawford, Amita Devarajan, Juan Haeckerman, Rachel Hastings, Matthew Landers, Mackenzie McCall, Kim Piper and Lauren Tambour

CAW Members Absent: Wendy Moudy, Candace Penn, Shannon Sipher (excused) and Jolie Song

Staff Present: Pamela Braff, Dan Dickerman, Linsey Fields, Alyssa Jones Wood, Russell Paez, and Rafiqa ShaBazz Brinkley

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Welcome and agenda review (5min)	
2. CAW Announcements (10min)	<p>A CAW member made an announcement that the Thurston Climate Action Team is hiring for an Executive Director and that they're no longer hiring for the Residential Energy Coordinator position.</p> <p>A CAW member made an announcement about an upcoming free lecture at the University of Washington by Robert Bullard the "Father of Environmental Justice" and provide a link for the group. https://www.washington.edu/lectures/events/the-quest-for-environmental-and-climate-justice/</p>
3. CAW Agenda Item Requests (5min)	No agenda item requests were made.
4. Housekeeping Items (5min)	The CAW representative for Executive Committee meeting will be Courtney Cecale. Staff member Dan will send necessary items to her via email.
5. Retreat Agenda Preview (5min)	<p>Staff Team member Pamela Braff gave brief overview of the Annual Retreat Agenda</p> <p>The retreat is in person but there will be a Zoom option if needed. People should reach out to her with any challenges or dietary restrictions. The retreat is scheduled for Monday April 15th from 4-8 pm PST</p>

	<p>Agenda items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 jurisdiction and regional initiative highlights • Presentation of 2022 GHG inventory • Discussion of TCMP progress and next steps • Discussion of 2025 regional initiatives <p>The retreat will not be recorded, but detailed notes and presentations will be available upon request.</p>
<p>6.Legislative Updates (25min)</p>	<p>Staff Team member Linsey Fields gave a presentation of the Legislative Update which included bills that passed related to climate mitigation, the 2024 Ballot Initiative, the Supplemental Budget Appropriations and a list of climate-related bills that did not pass. They also provided links for each.</p>
<p>6A-Update Presentation</p>	<p>The Legislative session occurred for 60 days from January 8th until March 7th. 18 bills referred by the House Energy & Environment Committee passed, including the following highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 1368-Zero Emission school Buses: Requiring & funding the purchase of zero emission school buses https://wa-law.org/bill/2023-24/hb/1368/S/ • ESHB 1589-Gas Utility Decarbonization: Supporting Washington; clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean affordable and reliable energy future https://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2023-24/htm/bill%20reports/House/1589-S.E%20HBR%20APH%202023.htm • HB 1976 Building Energy Performance-changing incentive structure for 1 tier and tier 2 buildings https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1976&Year=2023&Initiative=false • SB 6058 WA Carbon Market-facilitating linkage for Washington’s carbon market with the California Quebec carbon market https://ecology.wa.gov/Air-Climate/Climate-Commitment-Act/Cap-and-invest/linkage https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=6058&Initiative=false&Year=2023 <p>2024 Ballot Initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballot Initiative I-2117 Repealing the Climate Commitment Act will be on the ballot for 11/5/2024 https://ecology.wa.gov/Air-Climate/Climate-Commitment-Act <p>Supplemental Budget Appropriations-Climate Commitment Act appropriation: Funds may not be expensed or obligated prior to January 1, 2025 and if Initiative 2117 is approved the funding is null and void. https://ofm.wa.gov/budget/state-budgets/gov-inslees-proposed-2024-supplemental-budgets/appropriation-bills-2024-supplemental-budgets</p> <p>Bills that did not pass:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 1391, HB 1433, HB 1509 Community Solar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HB 1391 Clean Buildings Navigator https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1391&Initiative=false&Year=2023 ▪ HB 1433-Residential Energy Labeling https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1433&Initiative=false&Year=2023 ▪ HB 1509 Community Solar https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1509&Initiative=false&Year=2023
7.Climate Elements of Comprehensive Plans (60min)-	Alyssa Jones Wood gave a presentation on the Growth Management Act (GMA) which was adopted in 1990.
7A- Presentation	<p>There are 15 goals in the Growth Management Act that manage population growth.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urban growth 2. Reduce sprawl 3. Transportation 4. Housing 5. Economic development 6. Property rights 7. Permits 8. Natural resource industries 9. Open space and recreation 10. Environment 11. Citizen participation and coordination 12. Public facilities and service 13. Historic preservation 14. Climate change and resiliency 15. Shoreline management <p>These Projections used by each jurisdiction to update their Comprehensive Plans which are updated every 10 years.</p> <p>For Thurston County, the projection is that by 2025 population will grow to 313,985 residents. The next GMA Update is due in 2025.</p> <p>This is the first year that Washington jurisdictions are required to create and adopt a Climate Change element to their Comprehensive Plan. The State has set specific requirements as to what is required within that element which aims to reduce total GHG emissions and per capita vehicle miles traveled.</p>
8. Jamboard Activity	<p>Staff member Dr. Pamela Braff led a Comprehensive Plan CAW Visioning Activity. CAW members used jamboard to answer the below questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you hope will be true about the Thurston Region in the future? • What would like to see preserved?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you want to see improved, enhanced or created if it doesn't exist now? • I value...(as it relates to climate change work and resiliency) • I want...(as it relates to climate change work and resiliency) <p>Caw Facilitator Dan will send out these jamboard questions in an email to the CAW for additional input.</p>
9. Next steps & Adjourn	
9A-Future Agenda Review	<p>Alyssa will share out CAW Meeting Schedule for the rest of 2024 along with CAW responsibilities to the group.</p> <p>Q: Where can we find CAW meeting minutes? A: Meeting Summaries are posted on the County website (link at the top of this document) and Dan will send to the group via email.</p> <p>Q: Will the CAW presentations be shared out? A: We can send out presentations and other meeting materials for those who request them and they will be posted once the new TCMC website is built.</p>
9B-Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

Appendix A: Jamboard Results

I want... (in climate action work and resiliency)



I value... (in climate action work and resiliency)



What do you want to see improved, enhanced, or created if it doesn't exist now?



What do you want to see preserved?



What do you hope will be true about the Thurston Region in the future?



Affordable housing. Preserved farmland. Increased incentives for urban agriculture. Improved transportation.