

**Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative: Executive Committee
Meeting Summary DRAFT
January 8, 2024, 2:00-5:00PM**

Link to package and presentation:

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

Item	Notes
1. Call to Order & Introductions - All members	<p>Executive Committee members, staff from Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater provided self-introductions.</p> <p>Chair Parshley 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.
2. Public Comments	<p>Dickerman called for comments from members of the public. There were 3 public comments: Tom Crawford, Timothy Leadingham, and Janine L.</p>
3. Announcements	<p>Harvey noted that Thurston County is hosting meeting materials for the Collaborative while the Staff Team and ISC work to develop a more permanent website. Meeting materials can be found at: (https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/board-county-commissioners/climate-change-response/thurston-climate-mitigation-collaborative-meetings). A shortened URL is https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/climate</p>
4.A.. State Forest Lands Management Advocacy	<p>Pelach and Baker from Washington Conservation Action, presented on recent developments and opportunities related to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) managed Trust Lands. There are 2.1 Million acres of forested trust land, managed for benefit of public and trust beneficiaries. Historically “benefit” has been interpreted by DNR to mean timber harvest revenue. Due to a court case brought by the Washington Conservation Action a year and a half ago, a ruling was made that clarified that DNR is not required to generate revenue from timber harvest but can also generate value/public benefit through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timber harvest and wood - Climate mitigation - Wildlife habitat and stream health - Community use and wellbeing <p>DNR is encouraged to adopt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Habitat Conservation Plan - Sustainable Harvest Calculations - Extended Rotations

<p>4.B. Board of Natural Resources Letter Review</p>	<p>Harvey presented a letter for the Executive Committee to sign, to advocate to the DNR that they pause upcoming timber sales in Thurston County containing stands meeting the definition of “Maturation” until the Carbon and Forest Management Workgroup had a chance to complete its work and report back to the Legislature.</p> <p>Chair Parshley moved, seconded by Committee Member Vasquez, to send out the signed letter immediately and to send a follow-up letter when there is a timber sale up for approval by the Board of Natural Resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to send letter and follow-up letter is approved
<p>4.C. 2024 Regional Initiative Project Plan Update</p>	<p>Harvey and Braff presented on the budget, plan and timeline for the 2024 regional initiatives</p> <p>At the June 2023 retreat, TCMC selected regional initiatives for 2024: The Residential Energy Efficiency and Electrification Campaign (EEE) and the Home Energy Score Model Ordinance (HES).</p> <p><i>Residential Energy Efficiency and Electrification Campaign</i></p> <p>The EEE will raise awareness, support energy equity, and provide technical assistance to encourage homeowners to adopt electric technologies and energy efficiency upgrades.</p> <p>The EEE campaign will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A web based hub (January 2024) that will provide information and resources on heat pumps, electric appliances, incentives and local contractors. - An advisory support service (April 2024) that will provide a personal electrification planning tool for customized, step-by-step recommendations to support residents throughout the electrification process. - A local incentive and outreach campaign (2025) which will offer time limited discounts for installations and services as well as targeted outreach and marketing. <p><i>Home Energy Score Model Ordinance</i></p> <p>A lack of information on home energy performance is a significant barrier to improving energy efficiency of existing homes. Home energy labeling policies and programs will increase consumer awareness of home energy performance.</p> <p>This Model Ordinance will seek to create a regionally consistent energy score policy, and will connect the use of energy scores to homeowners</p>

	<p>and occupants, support energy equity and housing affordability, develop a reporting system, and create a mechanism for real estate markets to value energy efficiency performance and improvements.</p> <p>Next steps for this program include stakeholder engagement, creating and refining the model ordinance, and support for jurisdiction adoption.</p> <p>The budget for both initiatives is \$59,500 (\$14,875/partner).</p>
<p>4.D. Community Advisory Workgroup (CAW) Appointment Update</p>	<p>Jones-Wood presented on the Community Advisory Workgroup appointment process.</p> <p>The request for applications was posted by all jurisdictions. An optional demographic survey showed that this process reached a wider and more diverse range of applicants than in past years. These applicants were reviewed for unique knowledge, skills, experiences, and perspectives. 10 new applicants were selected from 48 applications.</p> <p>The Staff Team shared some lessons learned from the CAW recruitment process. In future recruitments, the TCMC will clearly state that applications will be anonymized for review and that appointments will be made on the basis of the application content only.</p>
<p>4.E. Legislative Updates</p>	<p>Braff presented on relevant legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HB1391: Clean Buildings Navigator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Directs the Department of Commerce to establish a Statewide Building Energy Upgrade Navigator Program by March 1, 2024. - HB1433: Residential Energy Labeling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Directs Department of Commerce to standardize energy labeling (Home Energy Score) - HB 1589: Gas Utility Decarbonization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prohibits large gas companies from providing natural gas customers to extending new natural gas service to places that did not already receive gas service - HB 1131: Producer Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishes an extended producer responsibility program for certain packaging and paper products, container deposit system, and labeling requirements - HB 1368: Clean School Buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires school buses purchased after Sept 1, 2033 to be zero emission - Climate Commitment Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economy-wide cap and trade system. - Effective in 2023 - already generated an estimated \$2.1 billion in revenue for climate action - Initiative 2117 (I-2117) - repeal the CCA - If the legislature does not pass initiative, then it will go to the November 2024 ballot

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HB 2201: WA Carbon Market <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note: This Bill was incorrectly labeled as HB 2021 during the presentation. - Links Washington's carbon market with the California-Quebec carbon market.
5.A.. CAW Updates	Dickerman presented an update on the CAW, which is in the process of creating the charter for their workgroup
5.B. Jurisdiction Updates	<p>The Staff Team presented updates from their respective jurisdictions.</p> <p>Lacey issued 67 energy efficiency rebates</p> <p>Thurston County is proceeding with ICLEI on the 2022 GHG inventory.</p> <p>Tumwater continues to work on a city-wide tree inventory project and completed an EV Fleet Assessment in house which found that by 2030 the City can reduce gasoline consumption of its fleet by 70%</p> <p>Energize for Olympia concluded in September and resulted in 67 electric heat pumps being installed in Olympia. There are plans to repeat the campaign in 2024, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Olympia also received a \$400k building upgrade prize from the Department of Energy to develop a rental navigator program to decarbonize and build resilience in rental housing.</p>
6. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 4:58PM

Executive Committee Present Online:

- Lisa Parshley, City of Olympia Council
- Robin Vazquez, City of Lacey Council
- Carolyn Cox, City of Lacey Council
- Eileen Swarthhout, City of Tumwater Council
- Emily Clouse, Thurston County Commissioner
- Tye Menser, Thurston County Commissioner

Public Present:

- Janine L
- Richard Moon
- Tim Leadingham
- Tom Crawford
- Wendy Steffensen
- Kristine Rompa

Staff and Other Attendees Present Online:

Pamela Braff, City of Olympia
Dominic Jones, City of Olympia
Alyssa Jones Wood, City of Tumwater
Rebecca Harvey, Thurston County
Dan Dickerman, Institute for Sustainable Communities
Russell Paez, Institute for Sustainable Communities
Rachel Baker, Washington Conservation Action
Bryan Pelach, Washington Conservation Action

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