

# Community Advisory Workgroup Meeting

## Meeting Summary

Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 4 – 6 P.M.

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

CAW Members Present: Amita Devarajan, Tom Crawford, Juan Haeckermann, Kim Piper, Lauren Tamboer, Stephen Bernath, Shannon Sipher, Mackenzie McCall, Matthew Landers

CAW Members Absent: Tierra Bonds, Courtney Cecale (Excused), Rachel Hastings (Excused)

Staff Present: Rebecca Harvey (Thurston County), Allysa Jones-Wood (City of Tumwater), Linsey Fields (City of Lacey), Dominic Jones (City of Olympia), Julia Downing (Thurston County)

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Welcome and Call to Order	
2a. Staff Announcements	<b>Staff announcements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City of Olympia announced their Energize Olympia heat pump program in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. There is more program funding available this year.</li><li>• City of Tumwater is hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony for their solar-powered off-grid EV charger at Pioneer Park on Oct 4 from 5:30-6:30pm</li><li>• City of Lacey launched their first full comprehensive plan (<a href="https://app.maptionnaire.com/q/lacey">https://app.maptionnaire.com/q/lacey</a>)</li><li>• Thurston County's draft Comprehensive Plan's Climate change element is available for public review at <a href="http://www.thurston2045.org">www.thurston2045.org</a>.</li><li>• The next Executive Committee meeting is October 28. Staff is asking a CAW member to volunteer as a representative.</li></ul>
2b. CAW Member Announcements	<b>CAW member announcements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thurston climate action team is partnering with the Community Action Council for screening of the movie "Survival by Zip code" on 10/22.</li><li>• Open Letter update – Tom Crawford and Stephen Bernath have talked to the four jurisdictions who have agreed</li></ul>

	to move forward with the letter. If interested, contact Tom or Stephen.
<p>3a Energize Thurston Campaign Development Update</p>	<p><b>Energy Thurston Campaign Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With a new name, Energize Thurston, staff is aiming to launch the campaign in early 2025 – June 2025.</li> <li>• Julie Downing is their community energy fellow who will be working to support the initiative.</li> </ul> <p>There are two preliminary campaign designs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1. Income-qualified pathway (based on AMI. 2. Self-Funded pathway (above income qualification limits)</li> <li>• Types of equipment and services to include: heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, electrical panel upgrades for heat pumps, and weatherization services</li> </ul> <p>Outreach and marketing strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The TCMC website will be used as a primary hub for campaign information. Additional strategies will include targeted advertising to specific communities, attend meetings with community groups at community events, provide Spanish translations, and provide budget for interpretation services.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion questions: See Appendix A</p>
<p>3b. Comprehensive Plan Engagement: Urban Areas</p>	<p><b>Comprehensive Plan Engagement: Urban Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB1181 requires climate change planning goals. The Resilience sub-element will focus on hazards that affect the region including heat, smoke, flooding (Tumwater and Thurston County), Sea Level Rise (Olympia), and increased rainfalls in winter.</li> <li>• Resiliency sub-element include equitably enhance resiliency to avoid or reduce the adverse impacts, protect and enhance natural areas, prioritize actions that benefit overburdened communities,</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Housing element requirements ensure that climate and housing do not compete against each other.</li> </ul> <p>City of Olympia updates: The city is updating its comprehensive plan.</p> <p>City of Lacey updates: The city have their first survey out. They are doing a web-based comprehensive plan and will be live by end of the year. Additionally, vulnerability assessments and risk assessments will be public by early 2025</p> <p>City of Tumwater updates: The City has put together an advisory team. The Climate Element draft will be available for review and public comment by end of December.</p> <p>Comprehensive Plan Activity: See Appendix B</p>
<p>4. Upcoming Agendas</p>	<p><b>Upcoming agendas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Upcoming agenda requests from CAW:</li> <li>● Tom Crawford requested an agenda item to focus on a workforce discussion to meet the demand of implementation of initiatives. An outcome could include more specific steps to address needs/wants so there is workforce available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The CAW voted and resulted in a majority (6 votes), therefore this item will be included in the December CAW meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Tom Crawford made a suggestion to include other jurisdictions to increase participation. An outcome could include deeper participation by other public entities that are not currently participating. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lindsey responded that the TCMC group is a formal partnership and would therefore require internal conversations, if warranted.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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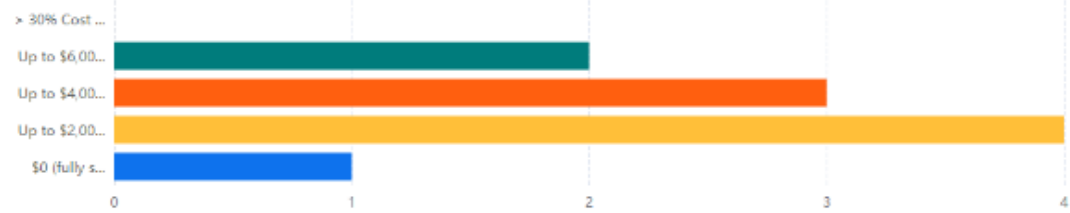
The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

## Appendix A

1. Let's say you qualify for Energize Thurston as an LMI household (<120% AMI). You are to receive a subsidized heat pump with a total cost of \$20,000. How much do you think is a reasonable amount for your household to contribute without excluding you from participation?

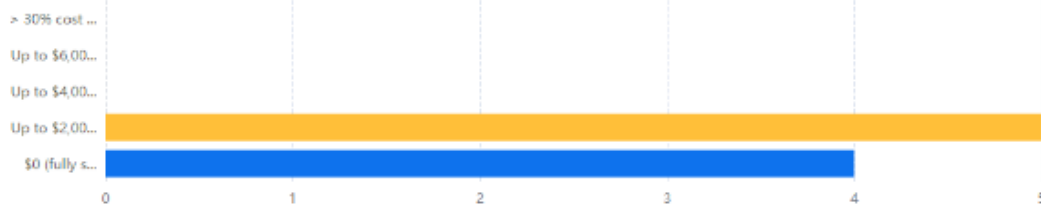
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(10/10) 100% answered



1. Let's say you qualify for Energize Thurston as an LMI household (<80% AMI). You are to receive a subsidized heat pump with a total cost of \$20,000. How much do you think is a reasonable amount for your household to contribute without excluding you from participation? (Single choice)

(9/9) 100% answered



## Appendix B

# Buildings and Energy Sector

## Priorities/Considerations/Challenges for reducing GHG emissions in Lacey, Olympia, and/or Tumwater



## Zoning and Development Sector Priorities/Considerations/Challenges for reducing GHG emissions in Lacey, Olympia, and/or Tumwater



## Transportation Sector

### Priorities/Considerations/Challenges for reducing GHG emissions in Lacey, Olympia, and/or Tumwater



## Carbon Sequestration Sector

### Priorities/Considerations/Challenges for reducing GHG emissions in Lacey, Olympia, and/or Tumwater

