

Executive Committee (EC) Meeting

Meeting Summary

Monday, October 28, 2024, 4 – 6 P.M.

Link to packet and presentations: <https://thurstonclimatecollaborative.org/executive-committee-meetings/>

EC Members Present: Olympia City Councilmember Lisa Parshley (Chair), Lacey City Councilmember Carolyn Cox (alternate), Thurston County Commissioner Tye Menser (alternate), Tumwater City Councilmember Eileen Swarhout, Olympia City Councilmember Robert Vanderpool (alternate), & Thurston County Commissioner Emily Clouse.

Kim Piper (CAW Representative).

EC Members Absent: Lacey City Councilmember Robin Vasquez.

Staff Present: Dr. Pamela Braff (Olympia), Julia Downing (Thurston County), Linsey Fields (Lacey), Rebecca Harvey (Thurston County) Dominic Jones (Olympia), Alyssa Jones Wood (Tumwater), Daniel Dickerman (ISC).

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Opening 1A. Call to Order 1B. Approval of Agenda 1C. Approval of Previous Meeting Summaries	Executive Committee Chair Parshley called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tye Menser motioned for approval of the Agenda, motion was seconded by Carolyn Cox. The motion carried unanimously.• Carolyn Cox motioned for approval of previous meeting summaries; motion was seconded by Eileen Swarhout. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Public Comment	Tom Crawford provided public comment. Written comment previously sent to Executive Committee by Thad Curtz and Timothy Leadingham
3. Announcements	No Announcements.
4. Committee Business 4A. TCMC Supporting Partner Updates from Stephanie Bishop of Thurston Conversation District and Gene Angel and Michael Cade of the Thurston Economic Development Council	Stephanie Bishop from the Thurston Conversation District presented on the history of the Conservation District, and on their work in the last year to support implementation of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan. Gene Angel and Michael Cade from the Thurston Economic Development Council provided an overview of current and past Thurston EDC programs and services,

	including the previous Thurston Energy which supported residential and commercial energy efficiency retrofits.
4B. Home Energy Score Model Ordinance Update	Alyssa Jones Wood provided an update on the progress and next steps for the Home Energy Score Model Ordinance regional initiative. Key tasks completed to date include the market assessment and policy research, focus groups and interviews with key stakeholders, and the development of a draft model ordinance for jurisdiction staff review and comment. Next steps include finalizing the model ordinance and bringing it forward for jurisdiction review and consideration.
4C. Energize Thurston Program Update	Rebecca Harvey and Dominic Jones provided an update on progress and next steps for the Energy Efficiency and Electrification Campaign (Energize Thurston) regional initiative. Key tasks completed to date include background research and analysis, onboarding of a Community Energy Follow to support the campaign, and partner interviews and resident surveys. Staff are now finalizing the campaign launch and implementation plan, developing an interlocal agreement for regionally coordinated implementation, and expect to launch the campaign in early 2025.
5. Standing Agenda Items 5A. CAW Updates	Staff Member Dan Dickerman provided an update on the CAW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAW made updates to their charter and reviewed the selection criteria; • The CAW provided input for the Home Energy Score Model Ordinance; and • The CAW also provided input for the Climate Element of TCMC Jurisdiction Comprehensive Plans.
5B. Jurisdiction Updates	Jurisdiction staff shared updates on jurisdiction activities: <p>City of Tumwater (updates provided by Alyssa Jones Wood):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2023 TCMC annual report is live on the TCMC website and will be sent in their newsletter • The City deployed solar powered EV chargers which is now open to the public for free at Pioneer Park

- The City's Climate element story map survey questions are open until 10/31.
- The City was recently awarded two Department of Commerce grants to do solar plus feasibility assessment for firehouses and add 10 more EV charger for their fleet.

Thurston County (updates provided by Rebecca Harvey)

- Kicking off Dept. of Commerce grant-funded project to install public EV chargers at SW WA Agricultural Business & Innovation Park in Tenino.
- Preparing to launch two additional Dept. of Commerce grant-funded projects: solar feasibility study of 10 County-owned sites, and EV chargers at two sites for County fleet vehicles.
- A draft of the Comprehensive Plan Climate Element is available on www.thurston2045.org, and the County continues to accept public comments.

City of Olympia (updates provided by Dr. Pamela Braff)

- The Energize Olympia heat pump group purchase program is closing at the end of October. The program provides discounted heat pump installations for Olympia residents as well as a limited number of no-cost installations for low-income households. You must be an Olympia resident and watch the workshop on demand to qualify for the program discounts. The last chance to watch the workshop on demand and submit your application is October 31, 2024. You can learn more about the program at olympiawa.gov/energize.
- The Climate Element for the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan update is well underway. We hosted a community open house for the Climate Element on October 16. We had a great turnout with 40 attendees and received more than 200 comments. Staff are busy working through all of that feedback to help inform our climate element. If folks

	<p>missed that event, there are still options to provide feedback. You can visit olympiawa.gov/climate2045 to learn more about the Climate Element and share ideas online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Olympia was awarded nearly \$2.9 million in funding this year to support climate initiatives like home electrification, electric vehicle (EV) charging and solar installations. All of these funding awards were supported with funding from Washington’s Climate Commitment Act. <p>City of Lacey (updates provided by Linsey Fields and Carolyn Cox)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first comprehensive plan survey is now live. Please see this link to take the survey: https://app.maptionnaire.com/q/lacey. • Lacey’s EV charging project has begun installation starting at Lacey City Hall. • Climate resilience listening sessions for technical staff will begin in mid-November. • PSE will restart their electrification programs on November 1st. Lacey is currently working with PSE to utilize HEAR funding for some matching rebates. • Lacey is working with LOTT to build a low-income housing project on land owned by LOTT in southeast Lacey.
6. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

Meeting summary is prepared by Rafiq ShaBazz Brinkley, Program Assistant, ISC. This summary is not verbatim.