

Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative Community Advisory Workgroup Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 | 4 – 6 PM

This meeting will be held in person at Lacey City Hall. See email for details.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order (5 minutes)
2. Announcements (10 minutes)
 - a. Staff Announcements
 - b. CAW Member Announcements
3. Upcoming Agendas (15 minutes)
 - a. Upcoming Agendas Review
 - b. Agenda Requests for upcoming CAW Meetings
 - c. Agenda Requests for upcoming EC Meetings
4. Business Items
 - a. 2025 Legislative Session (Guest Speaker – Paul Jewell, WSAC)
 - i. *Memo: 2025 Legislative Session*
 - b. 2026 TCMC Community Advisory Workgroup Workplan
 - i. *Memo: 2026 CAW Workplan*
 - ii. *Attachment: CAW Workplan Item Proposal Form*
5. Adjourn

UPCOMING MEETING AGENDAS (2025)

COMMUNITY ADVISORY WORKGROUP

Last Updated 10/10/2025

Background

The Community Advisory Workgroup (CAW) meets regularly to provide community perspectives and input on climate mitigation progress and priorities to the Jurisdiction Parties, Staff Team, and Executive Committee of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC).

CAW Agendas are limited to two business items, and typically include the following types of agenda items:

- Information: informational presentations, where no feedback is requested.
- Discussion: items for discussion and feedback.
- Action: items for approval by Majority Vote or Consensus.

Upcoming Meetings

October 21, 2025 – In- Person Meeting - Lacey

- a. Briefing – 2025 Legislative Session (External Speaker – Paul Jewell, WSAC)
- b. Discussion – 2026 TCMC Community Advisory Workgroup Workplan (Alyssa Jones Wood/Linsey Fields)

November 18, 2025

- a. Briefing – Energize Thurston Program Update (Rebecca Harvey)
- b. Discussion – 2026 TCMC Community Advisory Workgroup Workplan (Alyssa Jones Wood)

December 16, 2025

- a. TBD
- b. TBD

To Be Scheduled

- Briefing - staff capacity vs. the use of consultants to implement climate work within local governments.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative Community Advisory Workgroup

FROM: Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative Administrative Support:
Eleanor Garrett, EXP

DATE: October 21, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025 Legislative Session

Requested Action

Receive a presentation from guest speaker Paul Jewell from the Washington State Association of Counties (WASC) on the 2025 legislative session and the upcoming 2026 legislative session.

Purpose of this Action

To understand the outcomes of the most recent legislative session and prepare for the upcoming legislative session. This item was requested by the CAW to be included in a future agenda.

Background

The Washington State 2025 Legislative Session ended on April 27, 2025. 1,953 bills were introduced with 433 passing the legislature. Multiple bills that would impact local climate work were introduced including, but not limited to:

- HB 1015 and SHB1015 home energy performance reports for residences advertised for sale
- HB 1117 prohibiting adoption of the California motor vehicle emission standards
- HB 1409 concerning the clean fuels program
- HB 1497 organics management
- HB 1543 Increasing compliance pathways for the Clean Building Performance Standard SHB 1514 expanding the use of thermal energy networks
- SB 5036 requiring tracking and reporting of statewide greenhouse gas emissions
- SB 5091 prohibiting adoption of California motor vehicle standards, greenhouse gas emissions
- SB 5445 alternative investment in local energy resilience projects.

As Government Relations Director for the Washington State Association of Counties, Paul Jewell will provide his perspective on how the most recent legislative session went, particularly when it comes to these bills related to climate change. Additionally, with the shorter 2026 legislative session due to begin soon, Paul will provide his assessment of what may be prioritized by local governments in the upcoming session.

Attachments

None.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative Community Advisory Workgroup

FROM: Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative Staff Team:
Alyssa Jones Wood, City of Tumwater

DATE: October 21, 2025

SUBJECT: 2026 CAW Workplan

Requested Action

Read the memorandum and begin brainstorming potential agenda items/work items for the CAW to work together on in 2026. Come to the meeting prepared to pitch those agenda items/work items to the CAW for consideration.

Purpose of this Action

To efficiently develop a workplan for the CAW for 2026 and ensure that CAW members come to the meeting prepared.

Background

The TCMC Community Advisory Workgroup (CAW) has met regularly since 2023. At the September 19, 2025 TCMC Annual Retreat, there was discussion of reducing the total number of CAW meetings as a way to streamline TCMC processes and reduce administrative burden on staff. Other potential changes that were discussed included enabling asynchronous tasks (shared document review/comments) between meetings, and establishing subcommittees that meet outside of the regular CAW meeting schedule. Following the Retreat discussion, the Staff Team have drafted revisions to the TCMC interlocal agreement (ILA) stating that the CAW shall meet quarterly, with an option to add up to two additional meetings per year if needed. Pending approval of the revised ILA, the new CAW schedule will begin in 2026.

While CAW members have the opportunity, per the adopted Charter, to request agenda items at any meeting, it is most efficient to lay out a plan for the year so all parties can appropriately plan and prepare.

The Staff Team have added agenda items to various meetings on the CAW workplan that are expected to be ready for CAW feedback at the date scheduled. However, many gaps remain.

Proposed Process

The process to develop the 2026 CAW Workplan is expected to be a business item across two CAW meetings.

1. Prior to the October 21 CAW meeting, CAW members brainstorm agenda items to bring forward for discussion.
2. At the October 21 CAW meeting, CAW members discuss ideas that they brainstormed. There will be a certain number of agenda item slots available (2 agenda items per meeting), and CAW members will discuss which brainstormed ideas should be included. Additionally, agenda items that seem to be moving forward will be assigned to the person suggesting them to be the agenda item sponsor. Agenda item sponsors will be responsible to develop the item for further discussion and, once approved, for inclusion in the CAW agenda packet for its scheduled date.
3. Between October 21 and October 29, CAW members sponsoring agenda items fill out a CAW Workplan item proposal form (Attachment 1) for inclusion in the November 18 CAW packet.
4. At the November 18 CAW meeting, CAW agenda item sponsors will provide a brief (3 minute) overview of their proposed item followed by a brief discussion among CAW members. CAW members will then go through a virtual voting exercise to rank and identify the most popular proposals. Those highest ranked proposals will then go through individual votes per the CAW charter. The CAW will then work to suggest meeting dates for the approved agenda items.
5. After the November 18 CAW meeting, the Staff Team will utilize the suggested meeting dates to develop the draft CAW workplan for 2026. The CAW will receive this at their December CAW meeting.

Attachments

Attachment 1: CAW Workplan item proposal form

CAW Workplan Item Proposal Form

Proposer name:

Title of proposal:

Description of the proposal (3-5 sentences including what the intended outcome of the proposal is):

Is this proposal an item that will be brought forward by:

- ☐ A CAW member (sponsor)
- ☐ Staff Team
- ☐ Other (please describe)

Is this proposal for a:

- ☐ Presentation
- ☐ a discussion, or
- ☐ a decision

Does this proposal involve staff time?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

If a proposal involves staff time, staff will need a minimum of two months to prepare the materials.

Is the proposal consistent with (select all that apply):

- ☐ the CAW charter
- ☐ CAW intent
- ☐ CAW purpose
- ☐ Within the authority of the TCMC and Jurisdiction parties

Which action(s) and/or strategy of the TCMP is this proposal most aligned with:

Can the action or strategy be implemented by jurisdictions and/or the identified TCMP supporting partners?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

Passed majority vote?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Any requested clarifications: