



Steering Committee

Meeting #4 Agenda

May 22, 2019, 12-1:30PM

2424 Heritage Ct. SW, Olympia, WA 98502

1.	12:00 10 min	Introductions	All	
2.	12:10 20 min	Climate Mitigation Plan Vision, Goals, and Guiding Principles (attachment)	Paul Brewster, TRPC	Discussion
3.	12:30 15 min	Consultant Team/Steering Committee Project Touch Points	Roel Hammerschlag, Cascadia Consulting Group	Discussion
4.	12:45 35 min	Public Outreach Strategy Kickoff Discussion	P.J. Tillman, Cascadia Consulting Group	Discussion
5.	1:20 10 min	Public Comments (attachment)		

Next TCMP Steering Committee Meeting

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TRPC, Conference Room A

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Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan: Steering Committee Introductory Discussion on Plan Vision, Goals, and Guiding Principles

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The Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Steering Committee will approve the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan vision, goals, and guiding principles.

- On May 22, the Steering Committee will be introduced to the Climate Adaptation Plan’s overarching policy language as building blocks to develop the Climate Mitigation Plan’s goals and guiding principles.
- In June, the Stakeholder Committee will start shaping a Climate Mitigation Plan-specific set of goals and guiding principles.
- Project staff will capture the Stakeholder Committee’s input and draft goals and guiding principles.
- Later this summer, staff will present the draft goals and guiding principles to the Steering Committee for review, refinement, and approval.

The Thurston Climate Adaptation Plan’s contents are included in this document. Staff comments are provided to highlight policy language that should be considered for revision.

Thurston Climate Adaptation Plan Contents	Staff Comments for the Mitigation Plan
Vision Statement “In addition to doing its part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Thurston County region will remain resilient in the face of climate change impacts during the 21 st century and beyond.”	The Vision Statement addresses both mitigation and adaptation. <i>How does the Steering Committee want to reaffirm the existing vision or revise it for the Mitigation Plan?</i>

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<p>Regional Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create vibrant centers, corridors and neighborhoods while accommodating growth; 2. Preserve environmentally sensitive lands, farmlands, forest lands, prairies, and rural lands, and develop compact urban areas; 3. Create a robust economy; 4. Protect and improve water quality, including groundwater, rivers, streams, lakes and Puget Sound; 5. Plan and act toward zero waste in the region; 6. Ensure that residents have the resources to meet their daily needs; 7. Support a local food system to increase community resilience, health and economic prosperity; 8. Ensure that the region’s water supply sustains people in perpetuity while protecting the environment; 9. Move toward a carbon-neutral community; 10. Maintain air quality standards; 11. Provide opportunities for everyone in the Thurston Region to learn about and practice sustainability; 12. Make strategic investments to advance sustainability regionally. 	<p>The Thurston Climate Adaptation Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee drew extensively from Thurston Regional Planning Council’s 2013 “Creating Places – Preserving Spaces: A Sustainable Development Plan for the Thurston Region.” The goals are nearly identical to what is adopted in the Sustainable Thurston Plan.</p> <p>The goals protect, preserve, promote, and support economic, social, and natural resources that are essential to the quality of life in Thurston County communities.</p> <p><i>Are these goals appropriate for Mitigation Plan?</i></p> <p>Adaptation includes activities and strategies for coping with adverse impacts and changes to our environment. Mitigation includes activities to reduce or eliminate the source of GHG emissions that contribute to climate change.</p> <p><i>The Climate Adaptation Plan cited Sustainable Thurston’s GHG reduction targets which differ from the partners’ current adopted targets. Consider how the current GHG reduction targets should be reflected in the goals: 45% below 2015 levels by 2030 and 85% reduction by 2050.</i></p>
<p>Guiding Principles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Think in terms of multiple generations and connected built and natural systems, as well as view local and regional decisions through the lens of social, economic, and environmental sustainability; 	<p>This principle is applicable to mitigation activities.</p>

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<p>2. Increase resiliency through achievable, flexible — and, where possible, measurable and replicable — adaptation strategies and actions that will help the region prepare for and cope with climate change impacts;</p>	<p>Should be revised to address adaptive mitigation strategies</p>
<p>3. Be responsive to immediate and long-term climate impacts — both emergencies and opportunities;</p>	
<p>4. Identify and leverage climate change adaptation strategies and actions with mitigation co-benefits, such as reducing, capturing, and storing greenhouse gas emissions;</p>	<p>Could be revised to focus on climate mitigation strategies that offer “community co-benefits.”</p>
<p>5. Utilize sound scientific research, scenarios modeling, economic analysis, and other tools to analyze regional and local climate change vulnerabilities, risks, and solutions;</p>	<p>This guiding principle focuses on science and methodologies in support of hazard avoidance. Could be revised to focus on qualitative and quantitative analysis of mitigation activities to reduce GHG emissions.</p>
<p>6. Incorporate and complement work produced by others, including the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region, Sustainable Thurston, Thurston Thrives, and Olympia sea-level rise analyses;</p>	<p>Focuses on other plans that address adaptation and hazard avoidance. Could focus on broader regional, state, and federal climate mitigation efforts.</p>
<p>7. Consider the impacts of climate change adaptation recommendations on the region’s economy, environment, and society; this includes all urban and rural communities — especially vulnerable residents — and the ecosystem benefits provided by natural systems;</p>	<p>Adaptation and resilience strategies will remain critical and there should be consideration given to such efforts in the context of the Climate Mitigation Plan.</p>
<p>8. Recognize and strive to protect local indigenous tribes’ community health and well-being, including natural resources security and self-determination;</p>	<p>This is an impactful principle that retains relevance in mitigation planning efforts.</p>
<p>9. Seek broad community input, as well as educate residents about climate change and inspire them to take action.</p>	<p>This principle applies equally to adaptation and mitigation.</p>

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Public Comments

Paul Brewster

From: Tom Crawford <tom@thurstonclimateaction.org>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 5:39 PM
To: Paul Brewster
Cc: Veena Tabbutt
Subject: Labor resolutions regarding climate mitigation plan
Attachments: 20190116TLMCLCSupportStatement.docx; 20180918WFSESupportStatement.docx

Paul,

I wanted to make sure the Steering Committee for the climate mitigation plan was aware of labor resolutions passed over the past year in support of a strong climate mitigation plan. Could you please pass the attached on to the members of the Steering Committee?

Thanks!

Tom

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September 18, 2018

Statement for Carbon Free Thurston
WFSE Local 443

The City Councils of Olympia, Tumwater and Lacey and the Thurston County Commissioners have agreed to collaborate on developing and implementing a regional climate mitigation plan that will meet the recently adopted goals of reducing county-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 45% below 2015 levels by 2030 and 80% below 2015 levels by 2050.

As Local 443 of the Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE) is the largest local labor union in Thurston County representing 8,000 members and their families, we strongly encourage the three cities and Thurston County to develop and enact the strongest possible strategies in such a climate action plan, leading to meaningful greenhouse gas reductions in our communities.

In order to incorporate the most effective strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as well as support the physical and social health of our residents and the vibrancy of our economy, we recommend that such a regional plan include the following:

1. **Public Engagement.** Meaningful public involvement and support is essential for the plan to be implemented successfully.
2. **Results Orientation.** The plan must identify key strategies and actions that are most likely to lead to significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in the sectors of transportation, the built environment (residential and commercial), and waste management.
3. **An Implementation Plan,** with schedules and realistic target dates.
4. **An Accounting for the Needs of Renters and Low-Income Community Members:** These communities must not be harmed, but instead allowed to enjoy the expected benefits resulting from clean energy and climate action changes.
5. **Estimates of Costs and Benefits, with Recommendations for Funding Mechanisms.**
6. **Provision for an Ongoing Infrastructure and Support,** including a governance structure that will oversee long-term implementation of the actions recommended.

As a group we stand ready to support the Cities and County to bring a regional plan to life and assist in its implementation for a cleaner and more sustainable Thurston County.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:

Perry Gordon, President
WFSE Local 443

Nikki Butler, Secretary
WFSE Local 443

The Thurston-Lewis-Mason Central Labor Council calls for meaningful climate action in Thurston County

January 16, 2019

The City Councils of Olympia, Tumwater and Lacey and the Thurston County Commissioners have agreed to collaborate on developing and implementing a regional climate mitigation plan that will meet the goals of reducing county-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 45% below 2015 levels by 2030, with 85% reduction by 2050, consistent with targets recommended by the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. They have also agreed to fund the effort to determine strategies, policies and projects needed to reach the targets. Now is the time for citizens to show their support for public officials' first steps to address climate change in the South Sound region.

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Summary

We seek your insight and guidance on foundational public engagement questions. Public engagement will be a significant part of developing the Climate Mitigation Plan (Plan), and it's crucial we start from a strong foundation for engagement to be successful. We will use your responses to develop the engagement strategy for your later review.

Foundational questions

1. What do you **hope to achieve** through public engagement?
2. **Who do you need** support and input from now? In implementation?
3. What are the **biggest risks** to successful engagement?
4. What **challenges** do you anticipate in reaching the public and soliciting their input, and **how to overcome**?
5. What is your sense of the **level of support** within the community now? Within specific community groups and organizations?
6. Is there any **upcoming outreach in your jurisdiction** that you recommend we tie into?
7. How do you see the **role of the Stakeholder Committee** in this process? **Your role**?
8. Have you noticed particular **engagement approaches as being more or less successful** among different stakeholders or impacted communities?

Steering Committee meeting #1

May 22, 2019

goals & objectives

1. Identify, evaluate, and prioritize a list of impactful actions and associated implementation details for achieving the shared emission reduction targets.
2. Solicit and incorporate feedback from the public, stakeholders, and jurisdiction staff to optimize alignment of community priorities with the list of actions.

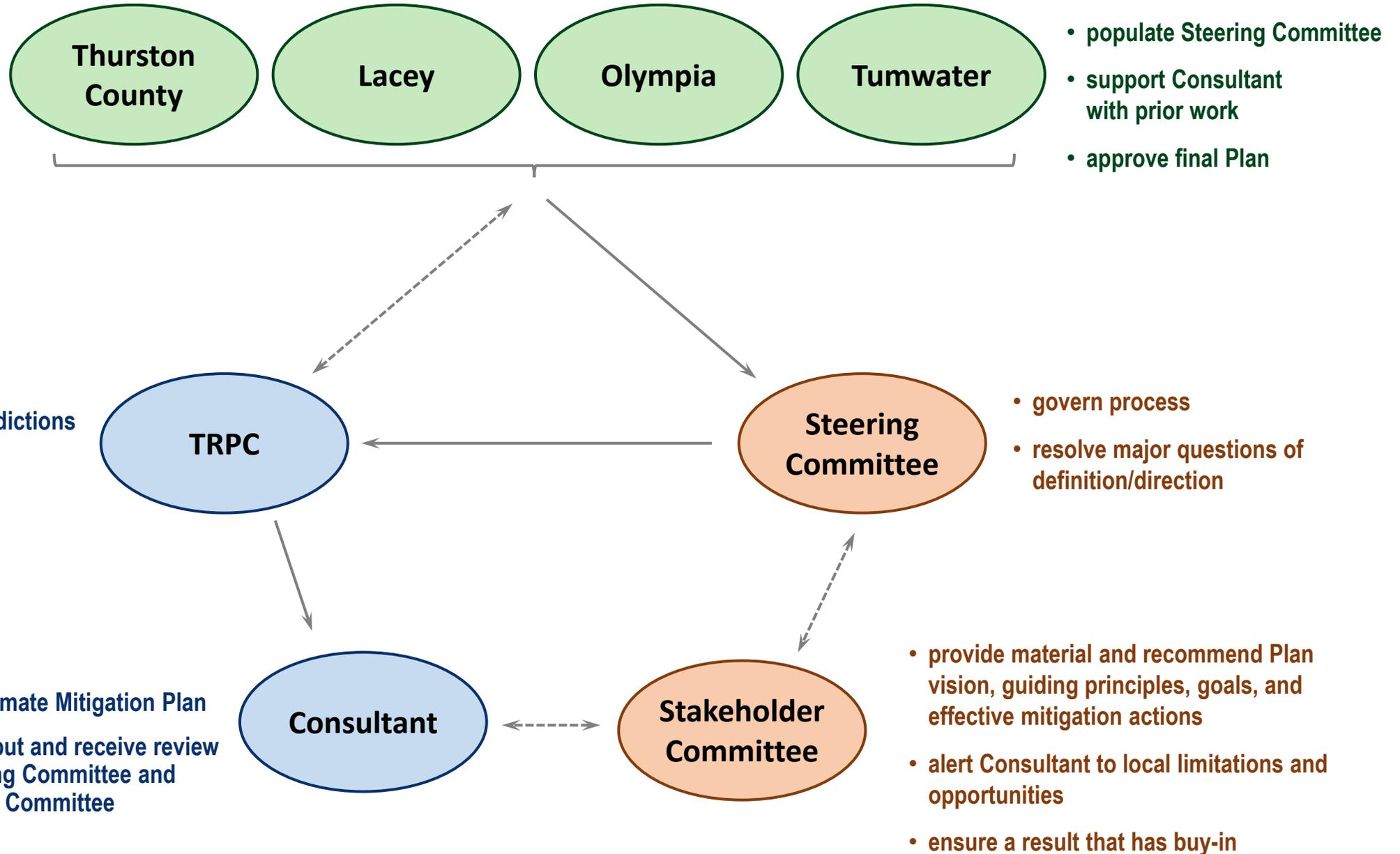
What questions do you want answered?

- How do we get to our shared target?
- How do we get the most bang for the buck?
- Where are the strongest co-benefits?
- How can we be sure we are reaching the largest possible group of affected stakeholders?

What will success look like?

- Actionable plan
- Fact-based and measurable
- Combination of shared and partner actions
- Solidification of the partnership
- Actions covering all levels from individuals to higher government
- Consideration of social justice and equity

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public engagement

Scope of work

- **Develop engagement strategy**
 - Goals and objectives
 - Target audiences and customized messaging
 - Methods and metrics to measure engagement
- **Engagement methods** may include:
 - Kick-off events
 - Open houses
 - Surveys
 - Festival information booths
 - Multitmedia materials
- **Updates** to Steering Committee and Stakeholder Committee

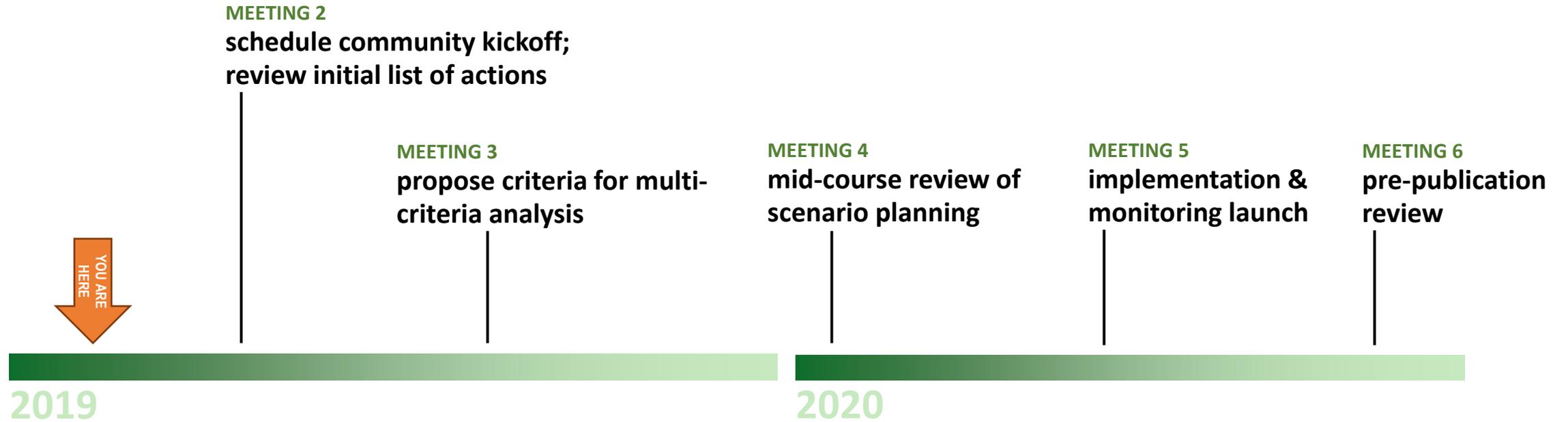


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