



Climate Action Steering Committee Meeting Summary

November 28, 2022, 3:00-5:00 PM

Link to packet and presentations: <https://www.trpc.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=611>

Agenda Item	Notes
<p>1. Call to Order, Introductions, & Public Comments – All members</p>	<p>Chair Parshley called the Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm.</p> <p>Steering Committee members, support staff from Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), and staff from Thurston County and the cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater provided self-introductions.</p> <p>Chair Parshley requested approval of the agenda.</p> <p>Committee Member Cox, moved, seconded by Committee Member Swarthout, to approve the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee agenda is approved. <p>Chair Parshley requested approval of the September 26, 2022, meeting summary.</p> <p>Committee Member Swarthout, moved, seconded by Committee Member Menser to approve the September 26, 2022, meeting summary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adopt the Climate Action Steering Committee’s September 26, 2022, meeting summary is approved. <p>Chair Parshley called for comments from members of the public. There was 1 public comment from Timothy Leadingham.</p>
<p>2a. Advisory Workgroup Update – Casey Mauck, TRPC & Tom Crawford</p>	<p>Mauck gave an update about the Climate Advisory Workgroup (CAW), which met for the second time in early November. The meeting was focused around reviewing the results of the countywide greenhouse gas inventory and talking about group norms and a draft charter. The workgroup wanted to relay to the Steering Committee the urgency of this work, and the need for accountability of the jurisdictions and Steering Committee as progress is measured each year.</p> <p>Tom Crawford provided his perspective of the meeting and group as the workgroup representative. The workgroup has broad knowledge and expertise, and it would be beneficial to have a two-way</p>



	<p>relationship between the workgroup and Steering Committee where workgroup members can send up innovative ideas. There is a need for the workgroup and Steering Committee to be accountable to the public for this work.</p>
<p>2b. 2021 Countywide Greenhouse Gas Inventory – Michael Ambrogi, TRPC</p>	<p>Ambrogi presented an overview of the 2021 countywide greenhouse gas emissions inventory. Emissions inventories help inform climate action by identifying significant emissions generators, tracking progress towards targets, and identifying impacts that may have a high impact. The inventory follows the US Community Protocol developed by ICLEI and includes emissions primarily generated from activities in Thurston County.</p> <p>Countywide, emissions have decreased 4% since 2015. They increased 4% from 2020. Roughly 90% of emissions come from two sectors: Buildings and Energy, and Transportation. These sectors both saw decreases from 2015, of -3% and -9% respectively. Water and Waste emissions increased 26% since 2015, while Agriculture emissions increased 3% and Hydrofluorocarbon emissions increased 7%. The inventory does not include all emission generating sources, and some sectors have more uncertainty than others.</p> <p>Committee members discussed when the regional targets should be updated, with a suggestion to have the advisory workgroup discuss updated targets and include this in next year’s work program. Members also mentioned the need to share the results to the public in accessible ways such as news articles, and provide suggestions for residents to decrease their own emissions.</p>
<p>3a. Jurisdictional Information Sharing – All Members</p>	<p>Carolyn Cox (City of Lacey) – While the final budget has not been approved yet, it’s looking like the City will have funding to hire a Climate Coordinator in 2023. City Manager Spence is leaving in December and Community Development Director Rick Walk will be filling in as interim City Manager.</p> <p>Eileen Swarthout (City of Tumwater) – Tumwater has completed the replacement of lights at Tumwater Timberland Regional Library with LEDs. The City recently saw good turnout at a public outreach event for a tree and landscape ordinance. Installation of two solar systems on water infrastructure is in progress, and staff are working on a compost procurement ordinance in line with the 2022 organics management law.</p> <p>Tye Menser (Thurston County) – The C-PACER program has an applicant and the county is working on the administration process. Staff had an introductory call with SolSmart to discuss the certification process. The county’s fleet has reduced vehicle volume</p>



	<p>and fuel use, and staff have begun to embrace electric vehicles when getting new vehicles. A reforestation docket item is moving forward, and the county’s habitat conservation plan has been finalized and the ordinance has passed. The plan will involve using mitigation fees from developers and county resources to acquire land put them into conservation easements. The county has been working to engage with DNR to preserve legacy forests and will be opposing certain cuts in the coming months.</p> <p>Lisa Parshley (City of Olympia) – The City has two open jobs on the climate team: Climate Program Specialist and Buildings and Energy Program Manager. Applicants are encouraged to apply by December 7th. Staff is working on development of an EV-ready parking policy, and have been conducting training on how to present items to City Council through the new Climate and Equity framework. Staff continue to work with Habitat for Humanity to design a heat pump group purchase campaign for early next year, and City Council approved using CDBG funds to subsidize heat pump installation for low and moderate income households as part of the campaign.</p>
4. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.



Meeting Attendance

Steering Committee Present Online:

Lisa Parshley – City of Olympia representative and Chair
Tye Menser – Thurston County representative and Vice Chair
Carolyn Cox – City of Lacey representative

Eileen Swarhout – City of Tumwater representative
Tom Crawford – Climate Advisory Workgroup representative

Public Present Online:

Amy Tousley
R. Peggy Smith
Richard Moon
Robert Marino
Ryan Campbell

Shannon Shula
Thad Curtz
Timothy Leadingham
Wayne Olsen

Staff and Other Attendees Present Online:

Lacey

Grant Beck
Hans Shepherd

Olympia

Pamela Braff

Tumwater

Alyssa Jones-Wood

Thurston County

Rebecca Harvey

TRPC

Allison Osterberg
Casey Mauck
Karen Parkhurst
Marc Daily
Michael Ambrogi

Next Meeting: January 23, 2023

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