CLEAN ENERGY SITING COUNCIL SUMMARY

Date: May 8, 2024, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Council Co-leads:
Ecology: Joenne McGerr, Brenden McFarland, Abbey Wellemeyer, Alex Shin, Lila Costello
Commerce: Michael Furze, Brian Young, Nora Hawkins, Dan Siemann, Glenn Blackmon, Monica Bramble, Aaron Peterson, Valerie Smith
Council members: *DAHP:* Allyson Brooks; DFW: Ben Blank; DNR*:* Natalie Waid, James Woodward; *EFSEC:* Stewart Henderson, Lisa McLean; *EJ Council:* Christy Hoff; *GOV: - ORIA:* Dan McConnon; *UTC:* Payton Swinford, Heather Moline; *WSDA:* Gary Bahr; *WSDOT:* Gretchen Coker, Ahmer Nizam

MEETING SUMMARY

Next Steps with Beveridge & Diamond report

A revised draft of the report is due back to Commerce on May 13th. There is a public webinar related to the report on May 21st at noon; postponed until July.

Preparation for legislative report

The council's legislative report is due October 1, 2024 (HB1216). Dan presented the outline and timeline for the report. He highlighted the rapidly growing energy demand in the pacific northwest and reviewed the goals of HB1216 prior to agency discussions.

Agency updates

ECY: The green hydrogen PEIS Scoping is finished and the draft PEIS for solar/wind will be ready in late summer. There will be engagement done around the draft PEIS release. At next month's council meeting there will be a presentation on the consolidated application and permit task (HB1216).

COM: Aaron Peterson is leading the Rural Clean Energy Report for Commerce with Ross Strategic. Three rural community meetings will be held, and a project report will be presented.

EFSEC: The Horse Heaven recommendation is under review at the Governor's office. They're working on the Wallula Gap siting project.

Next steps and action items

ACTION ITEMS			
Responsible	**Action**	**Start Date**	**Due Date**
ALL	Provide feedback on Permitting Reform Report	5.8.2024	5.22.2024
Self-selected	Small group meeting	5.22.2024	3PM-4PM