

Low Carbon Energy Project Siting Improvement Study

Advisory Board Meeting
October 14, 2021



Objectives

- Introduce Advisory Board members
- Understand project focus, purpose, and key background on low carbon energy siting
- Affirm charter and ground rules
- Set up next meeting's focus on systemic issues

Please note this meeting is being recorded; the recording and all slides will be posted to Ecology's project website



Agenda

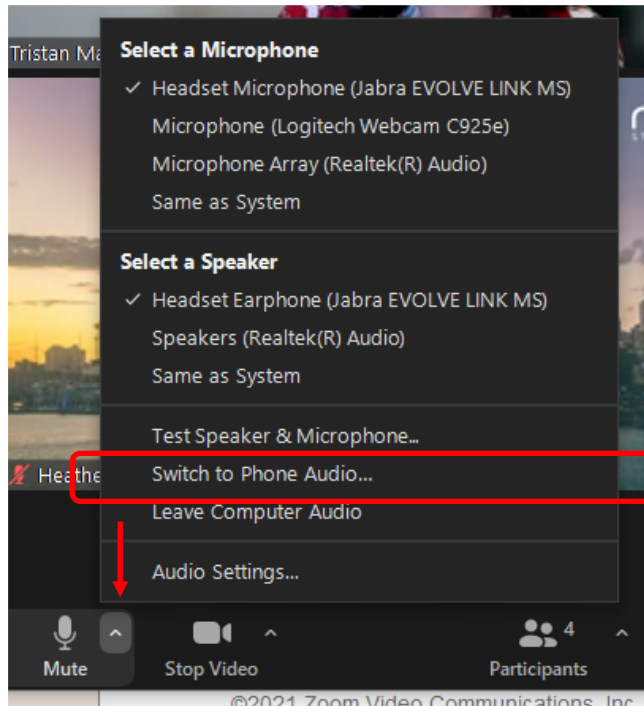
- Advisory Board Member Introductions
- Project Overview
- *Break (9:30-9:45)*
- Advisory Board Charter & Ground Rules
- Background on Low Carbon Energy Siting
- *Wrap Up and Next Steps (11:15-11:30)*
- Public Comment



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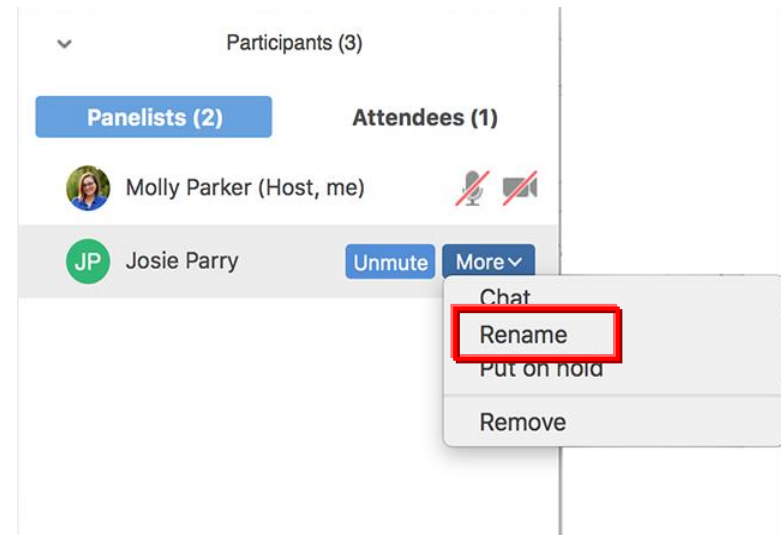
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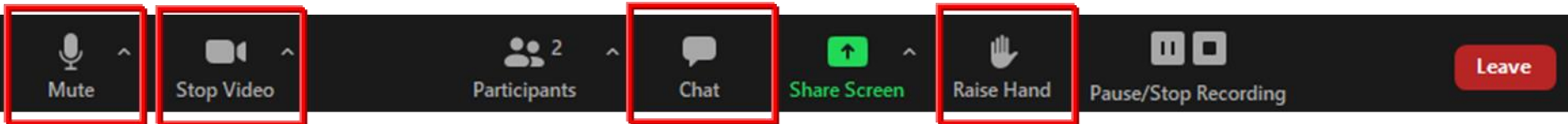
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- If needed, please update your name



Participating Effectively via Zoom: 3

- To reduce background noise, please mute yourself when you are not speaking
- Advisory Board members please show your video
- If you have questions or ideas to share during presentations, please chat them to the group, and we can address them during the Q&A and discussion time
- During discussions, please let us know you'd like to jump in by "raising your hand"



Public Participation

- This meeting will be recorded and posted on the Ecology website: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Air-Climate/Climate-change/Greenhouse-gases/Reducing-greenhouse-gases/Clean-Fuel-Standard/Low-carbon-energy-siting>
- Members of the public participating via Zoom are set up as attendees, meaning they will be in listen-only mode
- There will be an opportunity for 2-minute public comments at the end of the meeting. At that time, members of the public who would like to comment should raise their hands if they would like time to speak
- You may also submit comments at the e-comment site: <https://sea.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=tiufU>



Quick Ice Breaker

- What is your favorite desert this time of year?

Please use Zoom chat to respond





Advisory Board Member Introductions

Introductions

- Name
- Affiliation
- What experience do you bring to this study?





Advisory Board Charter & Ground Rules

Purpose

- Collaborative forum for insights and feedback on improving low-carbon energy project permitting and siting processes
- Help identify and document concerns, perspectives, and recommendations for Ecology's study related to:
 - Systemic issues related to project siting, environmental review, permitting, tribal treaty rights and cultural resources processes, and consideration of highly impacted communities
 - Opportunities and roadblocks in current processes
 - Potential options for resolving systemic issues and characterizing high-level implications and trade-offs of options
 - Developing guidance and tools for project applicants to improve siting processes, including a mapping tool prototype
 - Identifying additional studies or actions needed



Desired Outcomes

The process will support:

- Consideration of the insights and perspectives of advisory board members in a meaningful way
- Advisory Board input that aligns with Ecology's and Commerce's identified purpose for the study
- Documenting a fair and accurate record of members' insights, advice, and deliberations



Operating Guidelines

- Board members represent personal, not organizational, perspectives
 - Members can, at any time, indicate that an observation reflects their affiliated organization's official policy or messaging
- Please reach out to constituencies to communicate and gather input
- Consensus and voting on proposals will not be requested
 - Participation does not imply or presume agreement
- Please frame observations in terms of needs & interests, not positions
- Please offer ideas and solutions toward a positive future: to reduce potential adverse impacts to the environment and local communities, preserve tribal consultation and treaty rights, and contribute to low-carbon economic development
- Board will not revisit state energy goals, existing energy policy, climate science, or state GHG reduction goals
- Board members will refrain from characterizing views of other members through public statements
 - Ecology will handle any media inquiries



Meeting Logistics

- Monthly meetings up to four hours from October 2021 through November 2022
 - Due to COVID-19 precautions, meetings will be virtual until Ecology decides in-person is safe
- Please come to meetings prepared by reviewing documents and the agenda
 - Members are expected to provide information to their stakeholder groups and share views from the stakeholders they represent
- Alternate members are not needed; members may invite someone to observe
- Meeting information and materials will be on Ecology's website a week in advance; summaries will be posted within two weeks after meetings
- Meetings may include subject matter experts, such as staff, technical consultants, or other organizations
- Public observers, whether in person or virtual, are welcome at advisory board meetings. However, observers cannot participate directly in board discussions.
 - Meeting agendas will include time for 2-minute public comments



Facilitation

- Meetings will be supported by a neutral third-party facilitation team with no stake in the outcome of the discussions. While the facilitation team is under contract to Ecology, they work for the process and will treat all members equitably.
- The facilitator will notify members of meeting details and distribute materials by email before and after meetings.
- The facilitator will manage any meeting disruptions, as needed.
- Summaries of each meeting will include general descriptions of discussions. Individual perspectives and differences of opinion will not be attributed to individuals or organizations, unless specifically identified for such purpose.





Wrap Up & Next Steps

Next meeting: Systemic issue identification & information needs

- *What do you see as the top 3-5 systemic issues related to siting of projects, environmental review and permitting processes, tribal treaty rights and cultural resources processes, and consideration of highly impacted communities?*
- *What topics are important to know more about to effectively work on these issues?*





Public Comment

Instructions for Public Comment

- Members of the public that are interested in making 2-minute statements are invited to do so
- Please use Zoom to raise your hand if you would like to make a statement, and you will be unmuted
- Please introduce yourself
- To the extent possible, please frame remarks as comments rather than questions
- Written statements can be sent to the e-comment site:
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