



ADVISORY BOARD

Low-carbon Energy Project Siting Improvement Study

Advisory Board Meeting

December 15, 2021

Meeting Objectives

- Provide overview of Interim Legislative Report and Report on State Siting Efforts and Agencies
- Discuss key systemic issues to understand causal factors and potential solutions
- Begin identifying options to consider for resolving systemic issues

Agenda

1:00-1:15 PM	Welcome and Meeting Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Meeting overview and logistics: <i>Tom Beierle, Ross Strategic</i>• New Advisory Board member introductions (as needed)• Quick ice breaker
1:15-2:00 PM	Updates and Overview of Interim Legislative Report and Related Work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Governor's Office update• Interim Legislative Report: <i>Diane Butorac, Ecology</i>• Report on State Siting Efforts and Agencies: <i>Diane Butorac, Ecology</i>• Q&A
2:00-2:55 PM	Unpacking Issues: Causes and Solutions, Round 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recap of issues and session breakout session instructions• Breakouts• Quick report-outs
2:55-3:10 PM	Break
3:10-3:55 PM	Unpacking Issues: Causes and Solutions, Round 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See above
3:55-4:40 PM	Unpacking Issues: Causes and Solutions, Round 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See above
4:40-4:45 PM	Wrap Up and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow-up from this meeting• Focus of next meeting: Mapping and information/data layers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>What information in a mapping tool would be most valuable to support siting, environmental review, permitting, understanding of Tribal treaty rights and cultural resources processes, and consideration of highly-impacted communities and vulnerable populations?</i>○ <i>How do you see yourself and others using a mapping tool? What design would best support these uses?</i>
4:45-5:00 PM	Public Comment

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Unpacking the Issues Sessions

Round 1: Pre-application

Understanding of permitting and review process

- Why might applicants have unclear understanding or expectations about the permitting and review process? What would it take to improve understanding and clarify expectations about these processes for low-carbon facilities?

Information in applications

- Why might applicants' proposals be regarded as inadequate or incomplete? What would it take to have more robust initial proposals for low-carbon facilities to support review and permitting processes?

Up-front planning

- What are opportunities for up-front planning that can help guide and support siting, permitting, and environmental review? What can help encourage this type of up-front planning for low-carbon facilities?

Round 2: Consultation and engagement

Tribal consultation

- Why might Tribal consultation be considered inadequate? What would it take for more robust Tribal consultation about low-carbon facilities?

Community engagement

- Why might engagement with local communities and understanding of local concerns or opportunities be inadequate? What would it take for more robust community engagement about low-carbon facilities, especially for highly-impacted communities and vulnerable populations?

Environmental justice concerns

- Why might understanding of environmental justice concerns and approaches for addressing them be inadequate? What would it take to better understand and address environmental justice concerns about low-carbon facilities?

Round 3: Environmental review and permitting processes

Agencies and processes

- What agencies are involved in siting, permitting, and review processes and why might there be perceived overlaps or inconsistencies? What would it take to improve clarity of the process for applicants for low-carbon facilities?

Analysis and mitigation

- What are concerns about analytical methods and mitigation for issues related to siting and permitting low-carbon facilities (e.g., habitat, GHG emissions, vessel traffic, land use)? What would provide more clarity for addressing these issues?

Steps and timing of review, permitting, and appeals processes



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- Why are the timing and steps of permitting, review, and appeals processes seen to be unpredictable and sometimes lengthy? What would it take to have more predictable steps and timelines for low-carbon facilities?