



ADVISORY BOARD

Low-carbon Energy Project Siting Improvement Study

Advisory Board Meeting

March 16, 2022

Topic: Local government, Growth Management Act, and planned actions

Meeting Objectives

- Understand the opportunities and value of upfront planning for low-carbon energy projects, barriers to upfront planning, and potential solutions
- Understand opportunities and challenges for local governments from low-carbon energy projects and solutions that increase benefits or reduce negative impacts
- Inform ways to engage the broader public and local communities in the low-carbon energy project siting improvement study through upcoming public information meetings

Agenda

1:00-1:10 PM	Welcome and Meeting Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Meeting overview and logistics: <i>Tom Beierle, Ross Strategic</i>• Highlights of Advisory Board scoping discussions so far on local government, Growth Management Act, and planned actions• Quick ice breaker
1:10-1:20 PM	State Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report out on legislative session: <i>Becky Kelley, Governor's Office</i>
1:20-1:50 PM	Growth Management Act and Planned Actions Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local government and the Growth Management Act, <i>Scott Kuhta, Commerce</i>• SEPA options for advanced planning, <i>Brenden McFarland, Ecology</i>• Q&A
1:50-2:40 PM	Upfront Planning for Low-Carbon Energy Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Klickitat County Energy Zone, <i>Dave McClure, Klickitat County</i>• Breakout group discussions and report outs<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>What is the value of upfront planning to local governments, applicants, Tribes, and stakeholders?</i>○ <i>What are barriers to effective upfront planning and how can they be overcome?</i>

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2:40-2:55 PM	Break
2:55-3:50 PM	<p>Opportunities and Challenges for Local Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local experience with clean energy projects, Breean Biggs, City of Spokane; Paul Jewell, Washington Association of Counties; Amy Keenan, Whatcom County • Breakout group discussions and report-outs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>What are local opportunities and challenges of low-carbon energy projects?</i> ○ <i>How can negative impacts to local communities be reduced?</i> ○ <i>How can coordination and information sharing between local governments and state agencies and Tribes be improved?</i>
3:50-4:10 PM	<p>Planning for Public Engagement in Low-Carbon Energy Project Siting Improvement Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent of public information meetings • Group discussion: <i>What are the best ways to reach communities and engage them on these topics?</i>
4:10-4:15 PM	<p>Wrap up and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up from today • Next meeting (April 13): Integrated Approach for Siting and Permitting Low-carbon Projects
4:15-4:30 PM	Public Comment