



# ADVISORY BOARD

## Low-carbon Energy Project Siting Improvement Study

### Advisory Board Meeting

July 13, 2022

### Topic: Environmental Justice and Community Engagement

#### Meeting Objectives

- Understand how environmental justice considerations should be incorporated into processes for environmental review, permitting, and siting for low-carbon projects
- Identify opportunities to improve early and meaningful community engagement in projects and planning
- Review and provide initial feedback on summary of issues heard and proposed categories for siting study recommendations

#### Agenda

1:00-1:15 PM	<b>Welcome and Meeting Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome, introductions, and membership transitions</li><li>• Meeting overview and logistics</li><li>• Upcoming siting study meetings</li><li>• Take-aways from Advisory Board member poll</li><li>• Highlights of Advisory Board scoping discussions on environmental justice and community engagement</li><li>• Quick ice breaker</li></ul>
1:15-1:30 PM	<b>Columbia Plateau Least-Conflict Solar Siting Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview and update, <i>Karen Janowitz, Washington State University Energy Program</i></li><li>• Q&amp;A</li></ul>
1:30-2:15 PM	<b>State Agency Presentations on Environmental Justice and Community Engagement in Washington</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act: <i>Rowena Pineda, Department of Health</i></li><li>• Environmental Justice at Ecology: <i>Caroline Mellor, Ecology</i></li><li>• Q&amp;A</li></ul>
2:15-2:30 PM	<b>Break</b>
2:30-3:15 PM	<b>Breakout discussions: Environmental justice and community engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisory Board member insights:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mariel Thuraisingham, <i>Front and Centered</i> (recording)</li></ul></li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakout group discussions and report outs:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>How should considerations of environmental justice inform how communities are engaged and what it looks like?</i></li><li>○ <i>What can help ensure early and equitable community notification, understanding, and involvement in projects and plans?</i></li><li>○ <i>What are ways to increase community understanding of near-term and long-term benefits and impacts of low-carbon projects? Who do communities look to for information and understanding?</i></li></ul></li></ul>
3:15-4:15 PM	<b>Update on Siting Study Recommendations Development Process</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of issues and potential recommendations categories</li><li>• Discussion</li></ul>
4:15-4:25 PM	<b>Public Comment</b>
4:25-4:30 PM	<b>Wrap up and Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Follow-up from today</li><li>• Next meeting (August 10): <i>Appeals processes and financial considerations</i></li></ul>