Low Carbon Energy Project Siting Improvement Study

Interagency Policy Team
September 23, 2021
AGENDA

• Introductions
• Agency updates
  – Greenhouse Gas Assessment for Projects (GAP) Rulemaking
  – Growth Management Act Washington Administrative Code Update
• Agency environmental review and permitting processes
• Other agency siting work
• Administrative items
• Action items
Agency Updates

• Greenhouse gas assessment for projects (GAP) rulemaking
  – Diane Butorac, Ecology

• Growth Management Act Washington Administrative Code Update
  – Sarah Vorpahl, Commerce
Environmental Review and Permitting Processes

- Does your agency have general timelines for your most common permits?
- Where are they publicly available?
- [ORIA Permit Timeliness Progress Report 2020](#)
Environmental Review and Permitting Processes

• What resource area (where your agency has expertise) typically takes the most time to analyze in an environmental review?

• Why?
Environmental Review and Permitting Processes

• What work could be done by the applicant in advance to improve the environmental review or permitting processes?
Environmental Review and Permitting Processes

• What has your agency done to improve environmental review or permitting processes?
Environmental Review and Permitting Processes

• What permits from your agency would typically be the first ones done for a clean energy project?
Environmental Review and Permitting Processes

• What are the most commonly appealed issues in your permits?
• What are post-permit issues?
Other Siting Work

• Preparing summary to assist Advisory Board and post online

• Will include:
  – Current agency efforts
  – Programs or studies done by other states
Administrative Items

• Website with page for [Interagency Policy Team](#)
• Overview briefings
• Next meeting: Prepare for Interim Legislative Report due Dec. 1, 2021
  – Agencies provide additional information on questions from today by [Oct 21](#)
## Action Items

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<td>Kathleen Drew, EFSEC &amp; Diane Butorac, ECY</td>
<td>Set up meeting with Ecology on streamlining application for solar projects.</td>
<td>8/26/21</td>
<td>Completed 8/31/21</td>
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<td>Diane Butorac, ECY</td>
<td>Set up future meetings in 3-hour blocks.</td>
<td>8/26/21</td>
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<td>Diane Butorac, ECY</td>
<td>Present update on Greenhouse Gas Assessment for Projects (GAP) rule at next meeting.</td>
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<td>Sarah Vorpahl, COM</td>
<td>Present update on Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) work on identifying energy needs.</td>
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QUESTIONS?

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