

# RECAP

## Interagency Sustainability Coordinators Network



**DAS** DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
SERVICES  
SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

**Meeting Date:** March 11, 2009

**Time:** 1:30 pm to 3:41 pm

**Location:** Mt. Neahkahnne Conference Room  
General Services Building  
1225 Ferry Street SE, First Floor  
Salem, OR 97301

**Attendees:**

Elin Shepard, DAS Facilities	Mike Auman, ODE
Jeff Kohlleppel, DAS Facilities	Melissa Leoni, OWEB
Marjorie Lifsey, ODOT	Richard Mathews, OHCS
Ruben Ochoa, WRD	Gary Roth, ODA
Daniel Russell, Legislative Admin	Gabrielle Schiffer, DCBS
David Solomon, OPRD	Stella Transue, DHS
Dave Van't Hof, Governor's Office	Archana Thapa-Campbell, DOJ
Annie Gorski, City of Salem	Jessica Balsam, DAS Intern

### I. Call to Order

1. Elin Shepard called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

### II. Welcome and Introductions

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  - Everyone present introduced him or herself.

### III. Presentation

1. Status of Governor's climate package in 2009 legislative session
  - Dave Van't Hof presented the update on the Governor's Climate Package.
  - The Bills with the highest visibility are SB 79, 80, 168 and HB 2121, 2180 and 2181. Most of these bills had public hearings and all are still active.
  - SB 80 directs the Environmental Quality Commission to develop plan for participation in a regional cap and trade system and to bring the plan back to the 2011 legislature for review. SB 80 has had the most hearings and is currently in the process of a legislative rework. It is likely that a version of SB 80 will pass. Washington State has introduced similar legislation and it has received similar response. California and British Columbia essentially has authorization to participate in regional a Cap and Trade program. Oregon, Washington and New Mexico have legislation to pursue authorization. Arizona is unlikely to pursue authorization. Utah and Montana are pursuing pieces of similar legislation.
  - SB 79 creates energy performance certificates for buildings, creates 2030 goal of net zero emission buildings, ramps up energy efficiency in residential and commercial building codes. The energy performance certificate for buildings is a right to know piece of information. A version of SB 79 - HB1747 - passed in Washington.
  - HB 2186 authorizes the Environmental Quality Commission to develop a low carbon fuel standard and restrictions on certain greenhouse gasses including the unnecessary idling of trucks and commercial vehicles and examining low resistance tires.
  - HB 2120 is the transportation package is bound for committee and Dave hopes it will stay together as a package.

2. Status of renewable & conservation project list
  - The agencies' lists will receive major consideration for federal stimulus funding once everyone turns in more specific information with payback and job creation.
3. Brief on Oregon Way
  - The entire stimulus program is still very fluid. The Governor's Office is monitoring, preparing and positioning Oregon for the access to and success with the stimulus money through a competitive grant process. Establishment of innovative, sustainable and cost-effective programs will aid Oregon in the grant process. The Oregon Way program coordinates Oregon's private and public efforts for the grants and the returns on the grant investments. The Oregon Way is a targeted method to better access the stimulus money, for current cycle and possible future cycles. If Oregon uses the first round of stimulus money in innovative ways to drive sustainable, cost efficient technology, Oregon will be in a better position for the next cycle of stimulus funds, if there are any.
  - The money will disperse to different federal agencies, and then the rules for access to the grant monies will be available. Accountability for the money will be very high.
4. Dave also mentioned that the Governor appointed the new Secretary of State, Kate Brown, as Chair of the Oregon Sustainability Board. During the transition period, the Board will plan their goals.

#### IV. Agency Sustainability Plans & Programs

1. DAS Plan update
  - Elin added 32 new action items to the January-June plan update. Some of these items are setting the foundation for plans implemented either legislatively or in the future. Elin and Jessica are working on ways to show a return on sustainable investments in order to justify the sustainability programs.
2. Who else has an active plan
  - OPRD has an active plan, last updated in 2006. OPRD has accomplished the easier and cheaper items, so now they are looking at the more difficult and expensive items that are left. David Solomon mentioned the benefits of looking at the lifecycle costs of an item with procurement.
  - WRD focuses more on water conservation and efficiency. A lack of resources puts constraints on their programs. Their goal is to go paperless as well.
  - DOJ is just starting out and their goal is to be the most sustainable law firm in the state.
  - Elin thought that weaving sustainability into policies and practices of an agency would be more successful than updating plans. It could be more effective to weave sustainability into every policy and not having it as a stand-alone policy. The Network seemed to think that short-term goals are more attainable than the long-term goals. Focusing on what can be done today will move sustainability in the right direction. Elin mentioned internal versus external policies. Mike Auman suggested that there were three tiers of sustainability; internal, external and then fully sustainable.
  - The Network asked about other sustainable states and city governments that work well together and comparing Oregon to them. Elin mentioned a few other states that were sustainable but matching similar data would be difficult because of their different organization. Elin mentioned the sustainability coordinators meeting with Washington and she has started conversations with California, perhaps organizing a West Coast sustainability coordinators meeting in the future.

## V. Greenhouse Gas Inventories

1. Statewide inventory update
  - Elin has completed the 2006 and 2007 statewide GHG emissions inventory. The statewide total was up from 2006 to 2007.
2. Methodologies
  - Elin is looking into a having a consultant firm, the Good Company, help her to analyze the state data and improve our method so our data is as exact as possible.

## VI. Procurement

1. DAS data efforts
  - Elin is trying to gather baseline data on DAS' sustainability efforts. SPO does not track any of this data, so Elin is working on ways to gather the data and then will make it available to the Network, since many other agencies use the same price agreements and contracts as DAS.
2. Solar Working Group
  - The ETO is hosting a group of state agencies who are interested in third party solar projects. The intent is for the agencies to work together on joint RFPs, one for ground mounted solar and one for building mounted solar. Then when these RFPs are up for bid, they will look more attractive since it is for several installations at once.
3. Solar panels and Biodiesel
  - Elin was looking into a statewide price agreement for these. SPO needed to verify a statewide demand for these products before they can establish a price agreement. David mentioned ODOT's price agreement and Elin will look into piggy-backing on their agreement.

## VII. General Updates

1. OSB – April meeting at SolarWorld
  - Elin extended an invitation to the Network to come to the meeting and go on the tour of SolarWorld. Anyone interested should contact Elin.
2. Policy re-write updates
  - Elin decided to wait for the results on SB 79 before finalizing the sustainable building policy.
3. Website updates
  - Elin has developed the new DAS Sustainability website.

## VIII. Round Table

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  - Mike Auman, from ODOE, is working on the economic stimulus package and all of its details.
  - David Solomon, from OPRD, has prepared \$13 million in projects. They are working on the State Fair Solar project. This is a chance to show case Oregon and for public education and outreach. They are also working on their Centennial plan. OPRD is using the Hub software, which will funnel all projects with sustainable concerns to David, so he can track and advise on the projects to increase the level sustainability included in the project.
  - Melissa Leoni, with OWEB, has been busy with funding around the state. An old study showed that 80% of their grants stayed within the county where the project is located. Based on initial data, for every \$1 million in grants, the grants support 15 jobs, with \$1.86 million in economic benefits. The plan is to refine the study.
  - Archana Thapa-Campbell, with DOJ, asked about the quality and usefulness of the 100% recycled paper. They are also looking at energy audits for their leased facilities.
  - Gabrielle Schiffer, from DCBS, is working on SB 79, hoping it will pass. They are also

developing smart guides, one on rainwater harvesting and the other on gray water reuse. They are giving presentations to water districts and facilities managers. DCBS is beginning the process to update the commercial building codes. They are trying to get 30% energy efficiency.

- Richard Mathews, with OHCS, is working on the stimulus related projects and HB 201.
- Daniel Russell, from Legislative Administration, received their Earthwise Certification. They are also working on getting an energy audit scheduled. This will supply baseline data with which they will measure their progress. They are looking at a lighting retro fit.
- Stella Transue, with DHS, is in the midst of a project that includes sustainable procurement.
- Jessica Balsam, DAS Intern, is working on a cost benefit analysis for converting the DAS executive staff to paperless. Jessica offered the Willamette MBA program as a resource for projects.

## 2. Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.

### **Next meeting:**

Wednesday May 13, 2009

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Mt. Mazama Conference Room

General Services Building

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