

## Oregon Renewable Energy Action Plan Background and Meeting Dates

Recently, Governor Kulongoski requested state agencies to formulate a Renewable Energy Action Plan, in coordination with our stakeholders. The Plan's goal is to encourage production of energy from renewable sources, demonstrate a variety of technologies, and remove barriers. Renewable resource development helps protect Oregonians from high-energy prices, reduce energy expenditures that leave the state, increase investments by individuals and businesses in Oregon, and grow businesses and jobs in Oregon.

State agencies - Agriculture, Economic Development, Energy, Environmental Quality, Forestry and Water Resources - prepared a *first Draft* which was sent to interested stakeholders with the request to comment and make suggestions to improve this plan. Click here to view a copy of the draft Renewable Energy Action Plan:  
<http://www.energy.state.or.us/Publications/RenewFinalDraft.pdf>

In response to circulating this draft, we have received numerous suggestions from individual citizens and organizations. In general, the comments were positive and very helpful. Please click on this link:  
<http://www.energy.state.or.us/renew/RenewComments.pdf> to find the comments we received by email as of March 11, with only minor formatting changes made. The comments are grouped together by major section of the Draft Action Plan.

“General” comments pertain to the formation of a coordinating framework between agencies and other organizations, to a better definition of measurable goals and responsibilities of state agencies, and the addition of timelines to reach the goals. Technology specific comments covered all sections of the first Draft. Reviewers suggested the addition of fuel cells (and hydrogen) and heat recovery systems.

A series of meetings is underway to give stakeholders the opportunity for additional comments. These discussions will be used to:

- provide an opportunity for discussion on the draft plan and comments received
- inform organizations about opportunities to support renewable resource development
- coordinate and focus resources (public and private) on common objectives
- develop partnership opportunities and incentive awareness to accelerate adoption
- identify how to draw federal resources into Oregon.

**Our goal is to have a useful set of objectives and strategies, crafted through this public comment process by April 30, 2004.**

## Meeting Schedule

Some renewable resource plan discussions are part of the agenda of other meetings.

- **General, March 9, 2004**, at 11:00 a.m. Meeting with electric utility cooperatives at Umatilla Electric Cooperative, Hermiston.
- **Wind, March 16, 2004**, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Meeting with the wind industry at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, The Dalles. Part of a regular Oregon Wind Working Group meeting.
- **Solar, April 3, 2004**, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Meeting with Solar Industry at IBEW Central Electric Training Center, 33309 Highway 99E in Tangent, Ore.
- **Geothermal/Hydro, April 14, 2004**, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Room 50 at the Capitol, Salem (On-street parking is metered)
- **Biomass/Biogas/Biofuels, April 14, 2004**, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Room 50 at the Capitol, Salem (On-street parking is metered)
- **All Renewables, with focus on fuel cells and heat recovery, April 23, 2004**, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Cascade Campus at Central Oregon Community College, Bend, Building Location TBA