

Oregon Energy Strategy

Policy Working Group breakout sessions - Buildings Meeting

Feb 12, 2025, 9:00

Post-Meeting Notes

Meeting Summary

This breakout session primarily focused on introducing the working group members and hearing about folks areas of primary interest. Rob Del Mar (ODOE) also provided a review of the key findings from the Oregon Energy Strategy modeling and walked through next steps for the group.

In-Meeting Notes

Participants

ODOE	CETI-OES Team and Oregon Agencies	WG Members
Rob Del Mar	Eileen Quigley, CETI	Alma Pinto, NWECC
Stephanie Kruse	Mark Heizer, Building Codes Division	Alyn Spector, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
Amanda Welch	Kelly Thomas, Building Codes Division	Bob Kaplan, City of Ashland
Mary Kopriva	Dr. Joy Adrich, Oregon Housing and Community Services	Charity Fain, Community Energy Project
Edith Bayer	Sam Henstell, Oregon Health Authority	Christina Zamora, Klamath & Lake Community Action Services
		Claire Prihoda, Climate Solutions
		David Heslam, Earth Advantage
		Elijah Cetas, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
		Jake Wise, PGE
		John Maddalena, Self Enhancement Inc
		Ken Morgan, Gensco
		Laney Ralph, NW Natural
		Maddy Salzman, Earth Advantage
		Mary Moerlins, NW Natural
		Natalia Ojeda, Energy Trust
		Nick Cheke , Community Energy Project
		Dr. Pat DeLaquil, DecisionWare Group; Mobilizing Climate Action Together

		Patrick Sterns, OSSIA
		Paul Hawkins, City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
		Silvia Tanner, Office of Sustainability, Multnomah County
		Zach Mulholland, Beyond Toxics

Acronym notes

- Energy efficiency (EE)
- Building electrification (BE)
- Demand reduction technology (DR)
- Distributed energy resources (DERs)

Introductions

- Alma Pinto, NWECC: EJ & Equity group member, interested primarily in EE & DERs
- Alyn Spector, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation: Have projects in all areas
- Bob Kaplan, City of Ashland: background as an economist, working on all of these in Ashland
- Charity Fain, Community Energy Project: All interconnected
- Christina Zamora, Klamath & Lake Community Action Services: interested primarily in EE and relationship to BE
- Claire Prihoda, Climate Solutions: background in the legislature, interested in all of the above
- David Heslam, Earth Advantage: work across all of these now and in the future
- Edith Bayer, ODOE
- Eileen Quigley, CETI: technical support for the project
- Elijah Cetas, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission: all of these are fish friendly solutions, particularly interested in DR and DER
- Jake Wise, Portland General Electric: works with ETO, didn't have a primary area of interest
- John Maddalena, Self Enhancement Inc: interested primarily in EE
- Kelly Thomas, Building Codes Division: all tied together but interested primarily in EE
- Ken Morgan, Gensco: background in HVAC, all important but focus on DR
- Laney Ralph, NW Natural: background in engineering, interested primarily in EE
- Maddy Salzman, Earth Advantage: work on making improvements accessible, interested primarily in housing and existing building upgrades
- Mark Heizer, Building Codes Division: 15 years at building codes division, all are areas of interest
- Mary Kopriva, ODOE

- Mary Moerlins, NW Natural: ecology and sustainability, interested primarily in EE & DR focus in how they serve customers while decarbonizing
- Nick Cheke, Community Energy Project: interested primarily in EE & BE
- Dr. Pat DeLaquil, DecisionWare Group; Mobilizing Climate Action Together: retired energy modeler, interested primarily in BE & DER
- Patrick Sterns, Oregon Solar and Storage Industries Association: solar for multifamily, interested primarily in DER
- Paul Hawkins, City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: background in EE, interested primarily in BE
- Sam Henstell, Oregon Health Authority: Oregon health authority healthy homes, background in urban planning & public health, interested primarily in EE
- Silvia Tanner, Office of Sustainability, Multnomah County: from EJ & Equity group, background in econ and law and renewable energy advocacy and consumer advocacy, interested primarily in EE & DERs
- Stephanie Kruse, ODOE
- Zach Mulholland, Beyond Toxics: interested primarily in EE & BE
- Joy & Natalia couldn't speak when called on → circled back at the end
- Dr. Joy Aldrich, Oregon Housing and Community Services: teaming up with Dan Elliott for this work group, history with low-income EE & weatherization assistance program.
- Natalia Ojeda, Energy Trust Oregon: filling in this week, energy policy masters, interested primarily in EE & DR

Review of Key Findings

- Rob Del Mar (ODOE) covered modeling key findings, including that:
 - Costs are higher when we delay EE & BE;
 - The model shows an overall reduction in energy while demand for electricity grows over time;
 - Rooftop solar in Western Oregon displaces need for ground mounted solar in Eastern Oregon; and
 - DR: transportation and vehicle electrification plays a large role in DR, but residential and commercial sectors play a role too.

Overview of WG

- Rob described planned WG activities going forward. These include:
 - Mapping of current policies¹
 - What's supportive, what's working?
 - Policy landscape; Rob described elements that will be useful to examine when considering extant policies, including:

¹ Refer to [presentation](#), at p7, for a depiction of existing policies.

- Where do policies live – in statute or regulations, nationally, or for states or municipalities;
- What is the timing for the policy recommendations, considering an Energy Strategy focus on 2035
- Are the policies supportive or barriers to policy goals?

Next Steps

- Office hours with modeling consultant
- Upcoming meetings reviewed
- ODOE to share complementary analyses results via email with WG members as they become available.

Virtual Meeting Chat

from Silvia Tanner, MultCo Sustainability, she/her to everyone in this session: 11:18 AM

Good morning everyone. I am sick so I am going to stay off camera and mostly on mute. Thank you for understanding.

from Ken Morgan to everyone in this session: 11:18 AM

Seems to working okay so far!

from Edith Bayer ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:24 AM

Sorry to hear that, Sylvia! Thanks for being here.

from Alma Pinto to everyone in this session: 11:29 AM

Hope you feel better soon, Silvia! <3

from Eileen V. Quigley she/hers Clean Energy Transition Institute to everyone in this session: 11:32 AM

so sorry you are not well Silvia. I hope you can get better quickly. There is so much that is so nasty that is going around.

from Stephanie Kruse to everyone in this session: 11:33 AM

Silvia - if you'd prefer to introduce yourself in chat, please do.

from Silvia Tanner, MultCo Sustainability, she/her to everyone in this session: 11:33 AM

I can jump in by mic. Thank you for offering the option though! <3

from Silvia Tanner, MultCo Sustainability, she/her to everyone in this session: 11:34 AM

And thank you for the good wishes all!

from Silvia Tanner, MultCo Sustainability, she/her to everyone in this session: 11:35 AM

#teamsun LOL

from Edith Bayer ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:37 AM

I'll second keep the kids outside!

from Natalia Ojeda to everyone in this session: 11:46 AM

We can't!

from Stephanie Kruse to everyone in this session: 11:46 AM

I will try to get you two promoted to panelists. give me a moment

from Amanda Welch ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:46 AM

I apologize! We have to promote you all

from Joy Aldrich OHCS, Energy Svcs to everyone in this session: 11:47 AM

I'm sorry, I can't unmute. My name is Joy Aldrich, I am the OHCS Energy Services Business Analyst. My background is low-income energy assistance and weatherization. My focus will be energy efficiency, with a special focus on low-income equity.

from Joy Aldrich OHCS, Energy Svcs to everyone in this session: 11:47 AM

I've emailed Josh to seek the panelist position. Dan Elliott and I are participating from OHCS.

from Natalia Ojeda to everyone in this session: 11:47 AM

Natalia, I work for Energy Trust. I am team sun - also from Colombia and hate the snow. I have a background on energy policy and have been learning and focusing a lot on EE and DR within the team I work with here at Energy Trust.

from Amanda Welch ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:48 AM

Thank you, Natalia and Joy!

from Stephanie Kruse to everyone in this session: 11:50 AM

You should be able to unmute and participate now, Joy, Dan and Natalia

from Stephanie Kruse to everyone in this session: 11:53 AM

To clarify on the heat pump adoption assumptions, Rob mentioned - the assumes some level of hybrid heat pump installations (typically with either wood or natural gas as the secondary fuel) the detailed breakdown is included in the slides at the end that Rob mentioned.

from Nick Cheke - CEP to everyone in this session: 11:58 AM

This is super helpful. Thank you, Rob!

from Edith Bayer ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:58 AM

We will be publishing key data and assumptions for the full model within ~1 week as well, and will let you know when that's ready.

from Christina Zamora to everyone in this session: 11:59 AM

thank you!

from Jake Wise to everyone in this session: 11:59 AM

Thank you Rob, very informative. Appreciate the opportunity to contribute.

from David Heslam to everyone in this session: 11:59 AM

Thank you Rob for the leadership of the group! And for the transparency of providing those modeling inputs.

from Pat DeLaquil to everyone in this session: 11:59 AM

thank you

from Paul Hawkins, he/him to everyone in this session: 11:59 AM

thank you

from Nick Cheke - CEP to everyone in this session: 11:59 AM

Thank you!

from Ken Morgan to everyone in this session: 11:59 AM

Thanks!

from Elijah Cetas to everyone in this session: 11:59 AM

Thanks!

from Amanda Welch ODOE to everyone in this session: 11:59 AM

See you all soon! Thank you!

from Natalia Ojeda to everyone in this session: 11:59 AM

Thanks!

from Bob Kaplan to everyone in this session: 11:59 AM

Thank you!

from John Maddalena he/him SEI-Energy Program Manager to everyone in this session: 11:59 AM

Thank you!

from Silvia Tanner, MultCo Sustainability, she/her to everyone in this session: 12:00 PM

Thank you!

from Claire Pihoda to everyone in this session: 12:00 PM

thank you!