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## Energy Advisory Work Group

DATE: October 17, 2022

TIME: 1:00 – 2:30pm

Oregon Department of Energy – via WebEx

Meeting Attendees		
EAWG Members	ODOE Staff	Guests
Annette Price, Pacific Power Brooke Brownlee, Portland General Electric (alternate for Sunny Radcliffe) Fred Heutte, NW Energy Coalition Jennifer Hill-Hart, Citizens' Utility Board (alternate for Bob Jenks) Jana Gastellum, Oregon Environmental Council Mary Moerlins, NW Natural Nate Rivera, Hermiston Energy Services Nicole Hughes, Renewable Northwest Silvia Tanner, Multnomah County Tom Wolf, bp America Tony Schacher, Salem Electric	Janine Benner, Director Alan Zelenka, Asst Director Planning & Innovation Christy Splitt, Government Relations Coordinator Jenny Kalez, Communications Director Jessica Reichers, Energy Technology & Policy Manager Kaci Radcliffe, Program Analyst Stacey Heuberger, Office Operations Analyst Michael Williams, Asst Director Central Services	Britni Davidson Danelle Romain Hannah Cruz Jeni Hall Jennifer Joly John Powell Jordan Bice Keith Kueny Leah Navarro Paul Hawkins Rebecca Goold Riley Peck Ted Case Tucker Billman Ty Jennings Alec Shebiel Haley Ellett

### Welcome and Director's Update *(Janine Benner, Director)*

- Janine welcomed all to the meeting and asked if EAWG members had new updates to share since the October 5 meeting. No updates were provided by members.

### 2022 Biennial Energy Report *(Janine Benner & Jessica Reichers, Energy Technology & Policy Mgr)*

- Jessica reviewed the report's table of contents which is very similar to the draft table of contents that was presented to EAWG earlier in the summer.
- Jessica thanked members who participated in the energy workforce workshop in the Spring and said that the feedback was used to develop the Workforce and Supply Chain Policy Brief.
- Jessica shared the energy flow diagram. The methodology and design for this diagram has changed for the 2022 report to show more clearly how electricity moves from generation to use or to waste.
- Energy by the Numbers is organized similarly to the 2018 and 2020 reports. This section covers energy consumption and use by sector and source, energy generation and costs, effects on the economy, as well as energy sector profiles.
- Jessica reviewed the history timeline that was shared at an earlier EAWG meeting and reminded members that the interactive timeline has audio and visual features to explore.

- Energy Resource and Technology Reviews are grouped in the 2022 report. Each review will include a mini timeline of historical events related to the resource or technology, and Oregon-specific data, trends, potential issues, or features beyond energy.
- The Energy 101 section provides foundational information on several topics to help Oregonians understand the energy landscape. The 2022 report includes a 101 on Oregon's fuel action plan, which outlines how Oregon would respond in the event of an emergency, such as the Cascadia earthquake, and a 101 on long-duration energy storage.
- The Policy Briefs section provides deep dives into several energy topics, including a case study on the Oregon Clean Energy Opportunity Campaign, which helped develop and pass major energy legislation in 2021, including HB 2021.

***Questions and feedback:***

Jana Gastellum asked if there is more information about exporting energy dollars and said it would be interesting to see that data and what Oregon is able to produce more locally and then where more of a regional system is needed. Janine said that some of those answers are in the Energy by the Numbers section, but this would be a good thing to think about for the next report.

- Janine reviewed the report recommendations section and said that for the 2022 Biennial Energy Report, ODOE moved away from internally developed recommendations and towards those supported by community conversations. ODOE conducted those conversations with stakeholders and the public and learned that Oregonians have many ideas and opinions. This led to a common theme that the state could benefit from a state energy strategy. This could help optimize the many pathways to align policy development, regulation, financial investment, and technical assistance in support of an intentional energy transition. ODOE wants to see a strategy that meets clean energy goals in a way that prioritizes equity, balances tradeoffs, maximizes benefits and minimizes harms, and can be used by policy makers to make informed decisions. Janine said that the influx of federal funding coming to Oregon adds urgency to this conversation so the state can invest those dollars strategically and a state strategy with input from diverse voices could help guide ODOE, other state agencies, and local jurisdictions on which funds to apply for and how to spend them for optimal outcomes. The scope of the state energy strategy would come after gathering stakeholder and public feedback. There are other states with strategies that Oregon could look at as well. The Policy Brief on Charting a Course for Oregon's Energy Future makes a strong case for the this need and calls out some specific questions that the state would want to answer as part of the strategy.

***Questions and feedback:***

Tom Wolf said that a state energy strategy should be helpful to create the environment for a successful transition that Oregon wants to accomplish, but it should not be specific. He also said that it would be impossible to meet state energy goals without permitting that allows things to be built. Creating a permitting process that is predictable so companies know that it may take six months to two years to get though, without spending ten years in the courts, will not only help attract investment but will also help the state reach reduction goals.

Nicole Hughes echoed what Tom said about being flexible and not identifying specific pathways and allowing markets help to decide how those play out. Nicole also said that it will be important to identify potential barriers and determining what resources are needed and what agencies are implicated so they can work together instead of within their own silos. She also emphasized the importance of keeping an eye on what is happening outside of the state.

Jennifer Joly asked in the chat if the energy strategy would be developed by ODOE or the Executive Branch and if/how the legislature would be included. Janine replied that ODOE is not focusing on the process or putting forward any recommendations other than to say this should be an inclusive conversation and ODOE could have a role in pulling this conversation together.

Jana Gastellum asked where things like energy burden would fit when thinking of an energy strategy. Janine said that a key thing to keep in mind when developing a strategy is how each pathway effects equity and energy burden. For example, one pathway may seem like the most cost effective in one way but turns out to increase energy burden for certain consumers in another way. Jana added that thinking cross-technology and where to get energy savings would be interesting.

Danelle Romain asked in the chat if policies would align with available base-load resources. Janine said yes, one of the key questions of the strategy would be making sure there are resources to continue providing energy while keeping costs low.

Brooke Brownlee asked if the state energy strategy would consider the Oregon Global Warming Commission's Road Map to 2035. Janine said she assumes that the road map would be a key input into this conversation.

Fred Heutte said that he wanted to highlight the importance of aligning an energy strategy with other policies and strategies the state has like health, agriculture, transportation, and land use.

Silvia Tanner said that she hopes the perspectives and input from energy justice advocates are considered while working out the process for a state energy strategy. She said she also appreciated Jana's question regarding energy burden and that energy conversations should not just be looking at the systems, but also at the people using them. Sylvia would like to see energy justice principles incorporated into the strategy. Janine agreed and said that equity needs to be part of the process from the beginning.

#### **ODOE Strategic Plan** (*Janine Benner & Kaci Radcliffe, Program Analyst*)

- ODOE will be focusing on the Strategic Evaluation initiative this fall. This calls on ODOE to ensure that 100% of its programs and activities align with its mission and position statements.

- Janine shared [draft evaluation criteria](#) that will be used when reviewing each program, noting that some of ODOE's programs and activities may require different or additional evaluation points. Janine asked members if anything was missing from the list.

***Questions and feedback:***

Tom Wolf referred to the Equity/Accessibility column and said that accessibility is also about affordability and the criteria should ask if people have access to something financially, not just physically.

Fred Heutte referred to the criteria, "What are the Measurements for Success?" He said it might be helpful to ask what the current metrics for program performance and success are and are they good enough or do they merit change?

Under the Equity/Accessibility column, Silvia Tanner suggested rephrasing the criteria to be clearer about what "advancing equity" means and including "to Environmental Justice Communities."

Nate Rivera said that a measurement of program vs. program should be included on the list so ODOE can prioritize efforts to those that are most effective, and it may be beneficial to be really efficient and effective at less than trying to do everything. This would also be a good process to decide if some of the work ODOE is doing is still relevant. Nicole Hughes added that if ODOE evaluates programs for relevancy, it should also look at programs that are needed.

Nate asked who will be doing the actual evaluations and if there will be a public process. Janine answered that this process will be internal, except for the Siting Division which has a consultant working with similar criteria for that program. There will be opportunities for the public to be involved. This will be one program at a time so ODOE will reach out to those who are relevant to that specific program.

- Kaci Radcliffe shared updates on five strategic imperatives.  
[Expand and Improve Stakeholder Engagement](#)  
[Build Practices and Processes to achieve More Inclusive and Equitable Outcomes](#)  
[Assess and Enhance Organizational Data Capabilities](#)  
[Assess and Modernize Agency Programs and Activities](#)  
[Optimize Organizational Efficiency and Impact](#)

***Questions and feedback:***

Nate Rivera said that many of the imperatives listed, "extensive staff planning and time, and existing limits for staff capacity" as a challenge. He asked if this was something ODOE anticipated going into the plan or if this was realized after working on the imperatives and how does ODOE plan to manage that. He also asked how much of a technology gap ODOE was seeing, particularly with the data management side. Janine said that ODOE is trying to do as much of the imperative work within the bounds of existing work to demonstrate to staff that progress on the strategic plan is going to make the rest of their work better and more effective. Passage of the IIJA and IRA was not anticipated and that has been taking up ODOE

staff time. Covid also happened right at the start of the strategic plan so there has been a lot of change and more challenges than were expected of the staffing side. Janine also said there isn't necessarily a technology challenge or gap but more of a way to make sure there are standards in place for all data sets. Kaci added that it is more of a way to centralize and standardize data so there is consistency and is easy to validate. The long-term goal is to have sharing capabilities with other agencies.

#### **Closing Comments/Q&A**

- None.