

Oregon Governor's Data Center Advisory Committee

Meeting 3 – Friday, April 24, 2026

9:00 am – 3:15 pm

Webinar:

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Topic: Data Centers and Land-Use Issues

Purpose of this Process: The Governor has asked “the Data Center Advisory Committee to identify ways to better balance the need for new economic opportunities with smart policy choices that will support our clean energy goals and ensure affordable and reliable electricity for all Oregonians. The Committee will conduct an open and public process to understand challenges and opportunities in key policy areas related to the siting of data centers in our state and then recommend actions that the State of Oregon can take” (from Committee Charge). As such, the Committee’s goal is to use these public sessions to gather and share credible information from subject matter experts, based on firsthand experiences, real-world data, and diverse perspectives regarding Data Centers in Oregon.

To respond to the Governor’s charge, today’s session will focus on issues and ideas to

- Encourage data center siting decisions that support responsible economic development, create jobs, and increase long-term revenue that will strengthen our rural communities;
- Understand how the development of data centers affects and can help Oregon meet its climate, clean energy, and natural resource management goals; and,
- Identify key issue areas needing to be addressed to develop a policy framework that will help guide the state in the responsible siting of data centers moving forward.

AGENDA

9:00 am Welcome and Introduction to the Process and the People

Co-Chairs **Margaret Hoffmann** and **Michael Jung**, Committee Members: **Dan Dorran**, **Bill Edmonds**, **Tim Miller**, **Jean Wilson**, and Facilitator, **Donna Silverberg**

- Committee Introductions – All
- What is this Committee? What is it NOT? – Co-Chairs
- Agenda review, protocols, and ways for the public to engage – Facilitator

9:15 am Data Centers and Oregon’s Land-Use System (*Note: this committee is addressing issues related to NEW, not existing, data Centers*)

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Director **Brenda Bateman** and **Leigh McIlvaine** from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to provide an overview of Oregon's unique land-use system with insights into at least the following questions:

- What is Oregon's system and how do data centers fit into it? Where do data centers fit into Oregon's Land-Use Goals? What is the current data center land-use activity in Oregon (e.g., trends, processes)? How does DLCD interact with data centers and land-use decisions? What else should we know?
- Discussion with DCAC members

10:15 am – 11:15 am How do Local Governments Interact with and Shape Data Center Land Development? (Case Studies)

Tamra Mabott, Morrow County's Planning Director and **Dan Dias**, City of Hillsboro will share the lessons-learned when siting data centers and then engage in discussion with the Committee:

- How were siting decisions made at the local level? What worked well? What could work better/differently? What might help other local governments and their affected communities in the future? Do you see a role for state government to assist?
- Discussion with DCAC members

11:15 am – 11:25 am Brief Break

11:25 am – 12:20 pm How do Data Centers Choose Where to Develop?

The Committee will hear from **Alison Hoagland** and **Ian Sisson** from Mackenzie, Inc, an architecture and development firm, and **Edesa Bitbadal** from Digital Realty about the process they use to find and then develop data centers.

- What Considerations do data centers make when contemplating developing new centers? How does Oregon's land-use system affect those decisions (if at all?) How do developers engage local communities and Tribes?
- Discussion with DCAC members

12:20 pm – 12:30 pm Get Lunch for WORKING LUNCH

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm What Would a Land-Use Picture Look Like in Oregon Regarding Data Centers?

The Committee has invited **Ben Gordon** from Central Oregon LandWatch, **Sam Diaz** from 1000 Friends of Oregon, and **Diane Brandt** from Renewable Northwest to address land-use issues they see, and share hopes they have for the future relating to data centers:

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- What are the challenges and opportunities you see/foresee? How could the state assist with these challenges and opportunities? Are there examples from other big projects or states that might be illustrative for the DCAC to consider?

1:45 pm – 1:55 pm Break (back and settled BY 2:00 pm)

2:00 pm Public Comment & Committee Listening

(2-minute limit per speaker focused on **LAND-USE**. Only 15 people will be allowed to speak. Please register within 24 hours of the meeting and see the note below).

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm DCAC Roundtable: Connecting the Dots

This period will allow the DCAC to discuss with each other what they are seeing and hearing through this process thus far. They will also address any lingering questions raised by presenters today or in past meetings.

3:00 pm Reminder of May 29 Session 4 on Data Centers and Energy

Information on how the public can continue to provide written comments, and future public engagement opportunities.

3:15 pm Adjourn Public Meeting

Public Comments

- The Committee will continue to dedicate 30 minutes at the end of each meeting for public comment.
- The Committee co-chairs plan to hold general listening sessions dedicated entirely to public comments (note: first session was held 11 am – 2 pm, April 17th).
- Comments for this and future meetings should be **specific to the topic area** and on the State's interests relative to that topic for each meeting. Non- or multi-topical comments will be welcomed at the general listening sessions.
- Individuals wishing to participate in topical public comments must request a 2-minute time slot via email to datacenter.ac@oregon.gov.
 - Please include:
 - Name,
 - Meeting Date and Topic, and
 - A Brief Summary of Comments (that focuses on the STATE interests in the topic).
- 15 slots will be booked on a first-come-first-served basis and a balancing of comments received that the facilitator will announce at the start of the meeting and again at 2 pm. Priority may be given to those who have not spoken at prior meetings to assure the committee hears many voices.