



ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

Meeting Notice and Agenda In-Person/WebEx Teleconference/Webinar

**Inn at Cross Keys Station
66 NW Cedar St.
Madras, OR 97741**

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Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

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Friday, April 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

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Roll Call and Opening Remarks

- A. **Consent Calendar** – Approval of February 26, 2021 minutes; Council Secretary Report; and other routine Council business.

- B. **[5:30 p.m.] Madras Solar Energy Facility, Draft Proposed Order Public Hearing (Hearing)** – The proposed Madras Solar Energy Facility includes approximately 60 megawatts of solar photovoltaic power generation equipment and its related or supporting facilities, to use or occupy up to 277 acres in Jefferson County, near Madras, Oregon. The applicant is Madras PV1, LLC.
 - 1. **Proposed Facility Overview:** Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst, will provide an overview of the proposed facility and the procedural history of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC).
 - 2. **Hearing Officer Process Overview:** Joe Allen, Senior Administrative Law Judge, Oregon Office of Administrative Hearings, will provide an overview of the scope of the hearing.
 - 3. **Public Hearing:** Interested individuals will have an opportunity to provide oral testimony on the ASC and Draft Proposed Order. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department through the close of the public hearing.

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- C. Montague Wind Power Facility, Request to Amend Wildlife Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (Action Item)** – Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor, will present a request by Montague Wind Power Facility, LLC to amend the post-construction fatality monitoring study (survey methods and statistical analysis tool) of the Wildlife Monitoring and Mitigation Plan.
- D. Golden Hills Wind Project, Request to Amend Wildlife Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (Action Item)** – Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor, will present a request by Golden Hills Wind Farm LLC to amend the post-construction fatality monitoring study (survey methods and statistical analysis tool) of the Wildlife Monitoring and Mitigation Plan.
- E. Public Comment Period** – This time is reserved for the public to address the Council regarding any item within Council jurisdiction that is not otherwise closed for comment, which includes Madras Solar Energy Facility; and Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Proposed Order and the Obsidian Solar Center Proposed Order, which are in the contested case process.
- F. Protected Areas Rulemaking (Potential Action Item)** - Christopher Clark, Siting Policy Analyst and Rules Coordinator, will review stakeholder advice received on the Council’s Protected Areas, Scenic Resources, and Recreation Standards and will present staff’s recommendations for the conduct of rulemaking proceedings and draft proposed rule revisions. Council will determine whether additional opportunities for public participation in the development of proposed rules are needed prior to the consideration of proposed rules.
- G. Legislative Update (Information Item)** – Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor, will provide an update to Council on the legislative session and bills related to ODOE, EFSC and state-level energy policy.
- H. Council Appointment of Consultant for Exhibit S (Historic, Cultural and Archeological Resources) – Review of Request to Ratify an Emergency Order (Action Item)** – Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor, will present a request to ratify an emergency order, approved by Chair Marcia L. Grail, to approve the Department’s use of consultants for review of ASC Exhibit S for the Nolin Hills Wind Project.
- I. Madras Solar Energy Facility, Council Review of Draft Proposed Order (Information Item)** – Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst, will present the Draft Proposed Order (DPO) and issues raised in comments received on the record (DPO) for the Madras Solar Energy Facility, a proposed 60 megawatt solar photovoltaic energy generation facility in Jefferson County, near Madras, Oregon (see Agenda Item B). Council will have the opportunity to provide comments to the Department, for consideration in the Proposed Order.

- J. **Montague Solar Facility, Update on Preconstruction Survey Reports (Information Item)** – Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor, will provide an update on preconstruction survey results.

Adjourn approximately 1:30 p.m.

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- **May 20-21, 2021**
- **June 24-25, 2021**

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