



# ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

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## Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

**Friday May 16, 2025 8:30 AM**

**Oregon Department of Energy  
550 Capitol St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301**

### **WebEx Webinar Information:**

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**Please Note:** Every effort will be made to consider items as they are indicated. However, the Council agenda and the order of agenda items are subject to change.

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### **Roll Call and Opening Remarks**

- A. Consent Calendar (Action Item & Information Item)** – Approval of March 21, 2025 minutes; Council Secretary Report; and other routine Council business.
- B. Muddy Creek Energy Park Notice of Intent Extension Request (Action Item)** – Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst. Council will review a request to extend the expiration of the Notice of Intent by one year, to May 19, 2026. The Muddy Creek Energy Park is a proposed 199 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic power generation facility in Linn County.
- C. Battery Storage Technology Overview (Information Item)** – Tom Jackman, Rules Coordinator will present Council with the latest technology for battery energy storage systems.
- D. Public Comment Period (Information Item)** – This time is reserved for the public to address the Council regarding any item within Council jurisdiction that is not otherwise closed for comment. Obsidian Solar Center Amendment 2 Draft Proposed Order is closed for comment.

Per OAR 345-011-0020 the Chair establishes the duration of the time for individual commenters at 7 minutes but may lengthen or shorten that timeframe as the length of the meeting and timing and duration of other Council business dictate.

- E. Role of Electricity Transmission in the Energy Transition (Information Item)** – Jason Sierman, Senior Policy Analyst will provide Council an overview of the need to increased transmission to achieve economy-wide decarbonization.
- F. Department of Land Conservation and Development Update on Farm Impacts Test (OAR 660-033-0130(5) (Information Item))** – Hilary Foote, Department of Land Conservation and Development Farm and Forest Specialist, will present to Council the changes to the farm impacts test under OAR 660-033-0130(5), applicable to energy facilities located in Exclusive Farm Use zoned land, recently adopted, effective as of January 1, 2025.
- G. Soil and Structural Standard Update (Information Item)** – Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor, will provide Council an overview of the Soil Protection and Structural Standards; new data, policy, guidance and information and plan requirements.

**Anticipated Adjournment at 1:30 p.m.**

**Anticipated Future Energy Facility Siting Council Meetings:**

- **June 12-13, 2025**
  - **July 17-18, 2025**
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