



# ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

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## Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

**Friday, November 21, 2025 8:30 AM**

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

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### Roll Call and Opening Remarks

- A. Consent Calendar (Action Item & Information Item)** – Approval of October 23-24, 2025 minutes; Council Secretary Report; and other routine Council business.
- B. (8:50 a.m.) Modernization Rulemaking Public Hearing (Hearing)** – Tom Jackman, Siting Policy Analyst & Rules Coordinator
  - 1. Draft Rules Overview: Mr. Jackman will provide an overview of the draft rules and the rulemaking process to date.
  - 2. Public Hearing Overview: Mr. Jackman, acting as Presiding Officer, will explain the legal requirements for providing comments on the record and will facilitate the public hearing.
  - 3. Public Hearing: This will consist of oral testimony on the draft rules.
    - a. Members of the Public - The duration of the time for individual commenters will be 7 minutes, but that may be lengthened or shortened based on the number of people who comment. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department until **5 p.m. on November 30, 2025**.
    - b. Members of the Council

**C. Executive Order 25-25 Overview (Information Item)** – Amy Schlusser, Climate and Energy Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Tina Kotek

**~~D. (10:00 a.m.) Sunstone Solar Project, Public Hearing on Request for Amendment 1/Proposed Order on Amendment 1 (Hearing)~~** – The amendment request includes the following: 1) split the approved facility into six separate facilities; 2) modify the transmission line corridor, in length and location; 3) increase the footprint of the Phase 1 substation from 1.6 to 7.3 acres, and 4) amend several conditions to be consistent with the site certificate split.

**The certificate holder has withdrawn their request for Amendment 1 and this public hearing is therefore cancelled.**

**E. 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. Items closed for oral public comment include:

1. Yellow Rosebush Energy Center Draft Proposed Order
2. Modernization Rulemaking - written public comments may still be submitted until November 30, 2025.
3. Sunstone Solar Project Amendment 1 Proposed Order – written public comments may be submitted until December 5, 2025.

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.

**F. Pachwaywit Fields (FKA Montague Solar Facility) Revegetation and Noxious Weed Plan Amendments (Action Item)** – Kellen Tardaewether, Senior Siting Analyst, will present the certificate holder's request to amend their operational Revegetation (Condition 92) and Noxious Weed Plans (Condition 43) to align onsite actions with plan requirements given the isolated and fragmented nature of the habitat restoration requirements under the Revegetation Plan and ambiguous language in the noxious weed plan.

**G. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Update on Recommended Preventative Measures for Solar Facilities Proposing Sheep Grazing as Vegetative Management Strategy (Information Item)** – Jeremy Thompson, John Day Watershed District Manager, ODFW, will present recommended preventative measures and best management practices to be implemented at solar facility sites proposing to implement sheep grazing as a vegetative management solution, to minimize disease risk from domestic livestock to wild bighorn sheep populations.

**H. Wind and Wildlife Technical Advisory Committee Proposal (Action Item)** – Daisy Goebel, Senior Technical Specialist, Haley & Aldrich, Inc.; Jeremy Thompson, John Day Watershed District Manager, ODFW. The Council will consider the Department's proposal to form a Technical Advisory Committee to review current evidence and practices regarding the potential impacts of wind energy development on wildlife and wildlife habitat and improve conservation outcomes based on the best available science.

- I. Yellow Rosebush Energy Center - Council's Review of the Draft Proposed Order (Information Item)**  
– Kathleen Sloan/Kellen Tardaewether, Senior Siting Analysts. Council will review the Draft Proposed Order (DPO) on the Application for Site Certificate and the Department's preliminary evaluation of the issues raised in comments received on the record during the public comment period, at the DPO public hearing, and the applicant's responses to comments. The proposed solar facility would be located within an approximately 8,075-acre (12.6 sq. mile) site boundary of private land zoned for exclusive farm use. Council will have the opportunity to provide direction to the Department for the preparation of the Proposed Order.
- J. Sunstone Solar Facility Appointment of Representatives to Agricultural Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee (Action Item)** – Chris Clark, Senior Siting Analyst. The Council will consider the appointment of two representatives to the Agricultural Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee for the Sunstone Solar Project.

**Anticipated Adjournment at 3:05 p.m.**

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

- December 18-19, 2025
- January 15-16, 2026; February 12-13; March 19-20; April 16-17; May 14-15; June 25-26; July 23-24; August 20-21; September 17-18; October 22-23; November 19-20; and December 17-18

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