



# ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

■ Kent Howe, Chair ■ Cindy Condon, Vice-Chair ■ Marcy Grail ■ Ann Beier ■ Richard Devlin ■ Katie Imes ■ Patty Perry

## Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting Minutes

Maupin Civic Center  
507 Grand Ave  
Maupin, OR

Thursday, October 23, 2025 5:45 PM  
Friday, October 24, 2025 8:30 AM

- A. Consent Calendar (Action & Information Item)<sup>1</sup> – Approval of September 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes; Council Secretary Report; and other routine Council business.
- B. Yellow Rosebush Energy Center Application for Site Certificate Public Hearing on Draft Proposed Order (Public Hearing)<sup>2</sup>
- C. Remote and Electronic Public Meetings and Hearings (OAR 345-015-0003) Five Year Review (Action Item)<sup>3</sup>
- D. The Climate Trust Annual Audit Update & Annual Report (Information Item)<sup>4</sup>
- E. Public Comment Period<sup>5</sup>
- F. Boardman to Hemingway Quarterly Construction Update (Information Item)<sup>6</sup>
- G. Sunset Solar Project Request for Amendment 1 Proposed Order Review/Possible Final Decision (Action Item)<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Audio/Video for Agenda Item G = 02:11:15 – 2025-10-24-EFSC-Meeting-Audio/Video

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Condon called the meeting to order on October 23, 2025, at 5:45 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Vice-Chair Cynthia Condon, Council Members Ann Beier, Richard Devlin, and Patty Perry were present in person. Council Members Marcy Grail and Katie Imes were present virtually.

Oregon Department of Energy representatives present were Assistant Director for Siting/Council Secretary Todd Cornett; Senior Policy Advisor Sarah Esterson, Senior Siting Analyst Kathleen Sloan, and Administrative Assistant Nancy Hatch. Oregon Department of Justice Senior Assistant Attorney General Patrick Rowe was also present.

**Agenda Modification:** There were no agenda modifications.

**A. Consent Calendar (Action & Information Item)**<sup>8</sup> – Approval of September 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes; Council Secretary Report; and other routine Council business.

Council Member Devlin motioned the Council approve the minutes of the September 19, 2025 meeting as presented and recommended by staff.

Council Member Perry seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

#### Council Secretary Report

Secretary Cornett offered the following comments during his report to the Council:

#### Staff Updates

- Hannah Satein is the newest compliance officer for the Department. The Department now has 3 full-time compliance officers.

#### Council Member Updates

- Patty Perry – Our newest Council Member is Patricia Perry. Council Member Perry is currently the Planning Director for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Welcome Council Member Perry.
- Katie Imes – Council Member Imes has submitted her resignation from EFSC effective after the October meeting. Council Member Imes' personal circumstances have changed resulting

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in her resignation from EFSC. He thanked Council Member Imes for her service and for bringing an important perspective to EFSC, specifically from the people who live with many of the facilities approved by EFSC in the Columbia Plateau.

## Project Updates

- Sunstone Solar Project

Request for Amendment 1 was submitted on July 24 of this year. Amendment 1 seeks to do several things. 1) it would split the facility into six separate facilities, amending the current site certificate and creating five new site certificates; 2) and it would include a modification to the transmission line corridor, a reduction of switchyards from two to one, and it would increase the footprint of one of the approved substations.

While Council approved the new amendment rules at the September Council meeting, we have not filed those rules yet because we are waiting for Council's final decision on the Sunset Solar Facility Amendment 1, which could happen tomorrow. We want to make sure there is clarity about which rules apply to that review. If Council makes a final decision tomorrow, Tom Jackman will file the new amendment rules with the Secretary of State and the rules will become effective immediately.

The new amendment rules, when filed, will apply to Sunstone Solar Project Amendment 1. The timing of those new rules creates a minor issue with the review of this amendment. Part of the new amendment rules is the ability for the Council or Council Chair to waive the in-proximity public hearing requirement. We expect the public hearing to occur at the November Council meeting.

Given there was minimal public interest and participation during the application review and that the scope of the amendment is largely administrative, the Department expects limited public interest and participation in the amendment review as well. We will therefore seek a waiver of the in-proximity public hearing requirement and are proposing the November meeting to be held in Salem. However, Council cannot waive the in-proximity hearing requirement today since the rules are not yet filed.

*Vice Chair Condon expressed her concern for the anticipation that there would not be comments regarding the project.*

*Secretary Cornett noted if the project moved forward with the current rules, it would be a type B review and there would be no public hearing or opportunity to comment in front of Council. There would only be a written comment period. While the new rules allow for public hearings in front of Council on all amendments, some of the amendment requests are very minor.*

*Council Member Beier questioned whether there is an option to keep the hearing open and resume an in-proximity public hearing if members of the public express the need for such.*

*Secretary Cornett stated that would be an option for Council to determine.*

Secretary Cornett conducted a straw poll with Council regarding the upcoming public hearing for the Sunstone Solar Project Request for Amendment 1 being held in Salem rather than in-proximity to the project.

#### Compliance and Inspections Updates

Council was briefed on incidents and inspections reported at the following facilities:

Biglow Canyon Wind Farm: This is a 450 MW project in Sherman County owned by Portland General Electric. It consists of 217 turbines. There were two incidents:

- A PGE technician discovered a broken piece of a blade collar near turbine 339 at Biglow Canyon Wind Farm on October 9, 2025. The turbine was taken offline, and a root cause analysis is pending.
- On October 7, 2025, PGE reported a possible site certificate violation at Biglow Canyon Wind Farm after Turbine 65 was found with its door unlocked, breaching Condition 41 (secure access) and Condition 4 (incident reporting). PGE is replacing Phase 1 turbine deadbolts with padlocks to prevent recurrence.

Pachwaywit Fields Solar – This is a 162 MW solar project in Gilliam County on 1,189 acres owned by Avangrid.

- On October 14, 2025, a small, self-contained fire affecting less than 5 acres was discovered at the Project site. It was inactive upon discovery, caused no injuries or equipment damage, and did not require emergency response. The incident is under evaluation.

*Council Member Beier stated her understanding that the Council is receiving regular compliance reports for Biglow Canyon Wind Farm as there have been a number of compliance incidents.*

*Secretary Cornett confirmed that was correct, noting that there is a lot of ongoing effort at the site currently, which should result in significant changes in compliance issues in 2026-2027.*

#### Upcoming Meeting Dates

- November 20-21, 2025 to be held in Salem
- December 18-19, 2025

Council was presented with the 2026 meeting schedule.

#### Executive Order

On October 7th the Executive Order 25-25 was sent to Council Members. Governor Kotek issued this Executive Order on October 6th. A request for a presentation has been sent to Governor's Office to provide more context for the Executive Order and to address Council's questions. The executive order is in response to the federal government's changes to

renewable energy production and investment tax credits. In order for developers to be eligible, they must now begin construction before July 5, 2026 and must be placed into service before December 31, 2027. The executive order is basically trying to make sure that the projects that can get into construction and operation, the Council and the Department will make some efforts to help those projects meet those deadlines. Major elements for EFSC and ODOE include: consulting with developers, then prioritize projects, speed up reviews as allowed by statutes and rules which could include minimizing public comment time frames, minimizing reviewing agency comment time frames, and possibly not holding public information meetings. Secretary Cornett noted EFSC has a clear statutory process and rules to implement such. There is not a tremendous amount of flexibility in the rules. Another major change is that the Department and Council would not pursue as a violation the construction of a project prior to the issuance of a site certificate. Prior to beginning construction, the application for the site must be deemed complete, there must be a letter of credit provided, the work would have to be the minimum necessary to meet the Federal requirement and all known resources would have to be avoided. Ultimately, the developer must still meet the requirements of EFSC and must receive a site certificate. The Council is not obligated to approve the application even though the developer has chosen to begin construction. Staff has reached out to developers requesting input on their possible use of the Executive Order to move their projects forward. Once the results of the survey are completed and analyzed, we will determine the projects with the highest priority based on certain circumstances. If needed, we will reallocate our resources and come up with specific targets and plans for each of the projects. There are currently nine EFSC approved projects that have not been constructed. Three of those are actively working on pre-construction requirements.

*Vice Chair Condon questioned whether the letter of credit required to begin construction with the Executive Order is different than the security required in the site certificate application.*

*Secretary Cornett stated they are in the exact same form. If there is a portion of the facility that is constructed but not completed or the application is not approved, the letter of credit provides for the decommissioning of the facility.*

*Council member Beier questioned, under the new scenario, where is the opportunity for public input.*

*Secretary Cornett provided if a developer reaches completeness and begins construction in order to meet the federal deadline, they still must continue going through the entire EFSC process and be approved for a site certificate. All the requirements for public meetings and hearings still apply.*

*Council Member Devlin stated the reality is for the developers in terms of how much risk they are willing to take. While it is his hope that some projects come forward that can meet the standard, he acknowledged it is a very high standard to do all the required elements in this shorter period of time.*

*Vice Chair Condon, noting there are approved projects that are not moving forward, stated her belief that Council should require an explanation for the need for an extension request from certificate holders.*

*Council Member Grail expressed her agreement with Vice Chair Condon's comment.*

- B. (6:00 P.M.) Yellow Rosebush Energy Center - Application for Site Certificate - Public Hearing on Draft Proposed Order (Public Hearing)**<sup>9</sup>– The proposed solar energy facility would be located on approximately 8,075 acres (12.6 sq. miles) of private land zoned for Exclusive Farm Use in Wasco and Sherman counties. The applicant is Yellow Rosebush Energy Center, LLC, a subsidiary of Savion, LLC. Kathleen Sloan, Senior Siting Analyst, provided an overview of the siting process and the proposed facility. Sarah Esterson, acting as the Presiding Officer, explained the legal requirements for providing comments on the record and facilitated the hearing.

- **The Public Hearing recording is available at:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhMytytI75M>
- **The Public Hearing Transcript created in the Webex application forum is attached at the end of this document.**

- C. Remote and Electronic Public Meetings and Hearings (OAR 345-015-0003) Five Year Review (Action Item)**<sup>10</sup> – Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor. Pursuant to ORS 183.405, the Council must review new rules not later than five years after adoption.

*Vice Chair Condon questioned whether the rule was utilized for meetings during the Covid epidemic.*

*Secretary Cornett provided the Rule was created toward the end of the epidemic. The Department continued to have in-person meetings, though most people attended remotely. The reason for the Rule is to allow for location flexibility in specific situations.*

*Vice Chair Condon stated that remote meetings are effective. Council is committed to going out to where people have an interest in the projects and holding in-person meetings. This is in no way intended to lessen travel to the proposed site locations.*

*Secretary Cornett provided the preference is to hold meetings in the area of the projects. There is value to being there if there are members of the public who want to participate and communicate directly to Council.*

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Council Member Beier motioned the Council approve the Remote and Electronic Public Meetings and Hearings – 5 Year Review Report as presented and recommended by staff in the October 10, 2025 staff report.

Council Member Grail seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

**D. The Climate Trust Annual Audit Update & Annual Report (Information Item)<sup>11</sup>** – Todd Cornett, Assistant Director for Siting/Council Secretary provided an overview of the 2024 Financial Audit. Kyler Sherry, The Climate Trust Program Manager, provided an annual overview of The Climate Trust.

*Vice Chair Condon requested clarification of the process in Statute for establishing the carbon offset rate.*

*Secretary Cornett provided the process, which was set in statutes in the 1990s. He noted Council has an opportunity to adjust the carbon offset rate every two years. While legislation in 2021 precludes new natural gas power plants, nine natural gas power plants under Council jurisdiction continue to operate and continue to be subject to the carbon standard.*

*Council Member Beier suggested a presentation on the efficiency standard for gas power plants at a future EFSC meeting would be helpful.*

*Secretary Cornett stated the standards are a bit different for generating facilities versus non-generating facilities. The standards must be updated regularly to allow Council to apply the carbon standard to the maximum extent allowed in the statutes and rules.*

*Vice Chair Condon stated the amount Council can raise the offset rate is limited by statute and Council is now catching up to the national carbon offset rate.*

*Council Member Devlin questioned whether Council's standard of 17% below the most efficient operating level differentiates between simple cycle and multi cycle gas plants.*

*Secretary Cornett provided combined-cycle gas plants are more expensive to build but are more cost effective in the long run. He reminded that there are no new gas plants over 25 MW allowed to be developed in Oregon unless they are non-emitting.*

*Council Member Devlin noted it would not make financial sense to convert a simple cycle gas plant to a combined cycle plant facility in Oregon with the current rules.*

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*Council Member Grail, noting the Climate Trust delaying the hiring of additional personnel, questioned whether there were additional impacts to the program given the current political environment.*

*Ms. Sherry stated there may be some corporations electing not to purchase offsets as they are nervous about the reputational risk currently, as organizations are being asked to stop having Diversity, Equity and Inclusion or Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) policies, and this falls in the ESG policy realm. The Climate Trust has multiple funding sources and has long-term commitments with many corporations, who have communicated that they will continue purchasing credits.*

- E. Public Comments (Information Item)<sup>12</sup>** – This time was reserved for the public to address the Council regarding any item within Council jurisdiction that is not otherwise closed for comment.

**There were no public comments provided.**

- F. Boardman to Hemingway Quarterly Construction Update (Information Item)<sup>13</sup>** – Wally Adams, Senior Technical Expert and Sarah Esterson, Senior Operations and Policy Analyst.

*Council Member Beier questioned whether the tower design being used is the lattice style or the monotonic design.*

*Mr. Adams stated it is dependent on the location of the towers as different designs are utilized to reduce visual impacts in some areas.*

*Council Member Beier questioned whether Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is the lead agency for federal lands management issues for the project.*

*Mr. Adams stated this is a new process and the learning process is ongoing; he would defer the question to a later time.*

*Secretary Cornett provided during the review process for the project, the BLM, the Forest Service and the military all did their own review even though the BLM was the lead federal agency. The construction phase and the monitoring lead agency have not been determined.*

*Vice Chair Condon questioned whether field inspections are scheduled in advance.*

*Mr. Adams stated to date, they are scheduled, though that is not required. Surprise inspections could happen, but there would need to be a good reason for such. He acknowledged that scheduled inspections allow the crew to make sure that everything is in*

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*order, which is the point of an inspection. He does not give specifics on what will be inspected during a visit, so there is some element of surprise.*

*Council Member Imes questioned whether the monthly inspection includes inspections in all 3 counties involved in the project.*

*Mr. Adams provided a list and description of the inspections thus far for the project which included 3 counties. The inspections cover as much as possible in the given inspection timeframe.*

*Council Member Imes questioned whether the weekly meetings for the project include all of the agencies involved with construction compliance.*

*Mr. Adams stated there is a high level of coordination between Haley Aldrich, ODOE, Anderson Perry, EFSC, and Idaho Power and their subcontractors. There is not currently anything regularly established with the federal counterparts. He noted he will address the issue and establish regular communication with the federal agencies involved.*

*Council Member Beier questioned how members of the public could access the monitoring and compliance reports.*

*Mr. Adams provided while the reports are not on the project webpage, members of the public could submit a public records request for the reports.*

*Vice Chair Condon questioned if possible changes in federal funding could affect the work being done by the BLM for the project.*

*Mr. Adams stated the lead person for the BLM for the project is classified as a critical position and not subject to being laid off. Power engineers have a contract with the BLM and are also not impacted.*

*Mr. Stipple, representing Idaho Power, added that Idaho Power has a cost reimbursement agreement with the BLM to cover all the costs for their staff. Similarly, the power engineers are funded directly from Idaho Power.*

*Vice Chair Condon questioned if the weed washing station issue was noted as a noncompliance issue.*

*Mr. Adams stated it is an issue noted in the inspection report though it is not an issue of non-compliance. He would note it as an observation and note recommendations for improving the weed washing station.*

*Council Member Beier questioned whether ODOE has the authority to stop work on a site if there is a violation of site certificate conditions.*

*Mr. Adams confirmed that is correct.*

*Council Member Devlin questioned whether the road presented in the slide show with an issue of non-compliance for soil runoff was intended to be a permanent or temporary road.*

*Mr. Adams stated it is his belief that it is a permanent road, but he would verify the information. Later in the conversation, Mr. Stipple confirmed the road is a permanent road.*

*Council Member Devlin stated his concern that roads being developed in steep terrain areas could trigger landslides. He questioned whether the areas are evaluated for landslide issues prior to development.*

*Mr. Adams provided that EFSC Standards require intensive geotechnical investigations and reports prior to the issuance of a site certificate.*

*Vice Chair Condon questioned what the process would be for a landowner if the road was on private land.*

*Mr. Adams stated private landowners can contact ODOE, Haley Aldrich, Idaho Power or Eocene directly to voice any concerns. He added even if the landowner is “ok” with soil runoff, it is still an issue of non-compliance as it is an issue with the erosion and sediment control plan in the site certificate.*

*Vice Chair Condon stated as there is no obligation for the landowner to report, it falls on EFSC and ODOE to be very diligent regarding issues on private land.*

*Mr. Adams added there is a system in place to ensure that issues do not happen but if inadvertently an issue arises, it needs to be reported, the work should stop, and the situation should be assessed. In this situation, the issue was reported, and work was stopped.*

*Council Member Imes questioned whether there is concern regarding the public accessing the newly created roads on the project site.*

*Mr. Adams stated there is a locked gate for access that is monitored. This is one of the many things that are being checked during site inspections.*

*Council Member Imes noted it is hunting season which could mean more public activity in the area.*

*Mr. Adams agreed that there are hunters in the area.*

*Council Member Beier questioned as Council has seen violations of erosion and sediment control which comes under the DEQ permit, does DEQ help with enforcement on the issue.*

*Mr. Adams confirmed that is correct. They would be notified as well as any other agencies involved.*

*Vice Chair Condon questioned the process when a member of the public reports an issue. She confirmed her understanding that the report is received by the Department, a determination of whether it is an issue of non-compliance and then the certificate holder is approached with the issue.*

*Mr. Adams confirmed, as designated in Rule, that is correct with the addition of a possible site inspection for evaluation of the issue.*

*Council Member Beier questioned whether construction will continue through the winter months.*

*Mr. Adams stated the intention is to work year-round until the project is complete. They may need to adjust locations of construction due to weather conditions.*

*Secretary Cornett questioned Council regarding the frequency of reports to Council for the project. After discussion, Council concluded that quarterly updates on the project are needed.*

**G. Sunset Solar Project Request for Amendment 1 Proposed Order Review/Possible Final Decision (Action Item)<sup>14</sup>** – Kathleen Sloan, Senior Siting Analyst. Council reviewed the Proposed Order. Request for Amendment 1 sought approval to extend construction deadlines and reduce the area within the site boundary and micro siting area.

*Secretary Cornett reminded once a facility goes into construction, it is required that the bonds or letters of credit for decommissioning the project be adjusted for inflation every year.*

*Council Member Beier questioned if the new template for a wildfire mitigation plan was utilized for the project.*

*Ms. Sloan confirmed the new template was used though there were some changes as the certificate holder is trying to be consistent with their corporate plans.*

*Council Member Imes questioned the language change from “72 hours” to “promptly” requested by the certificate holder for Organizational Expertise. She suggested Council should remain consistent with specificity of the language in its orders.*

*Vice Chair Condon agreed with Council Member Imes, adding the language introduces an amount of ambiguity.*

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Council Member Beier motioned the Council issue a Final Order approving the certificate holder's request for Amendment 1 to the site certificate for the Sunset Solar Project, utilizing the Department's Proposed Order as the basis for the Final Order with the following changes: 1)Organizational Expertise – Reject the change from 72 hours to promptly and retain the 72-hour notification requirement. 2) Issue the 1st amended site certificate consistent with the Final Order.

Council Member Imes seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Condon noted her appreciation for Staff's work relating the Request for Amendment to Council's Rules. She stressed how important the word "may " is in the language. There is an expert on site who is overseeing the conditions set by Council who would know (best) if there "may" be a violation.

The motion was carried unanimously.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 am**

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**ATTACHMENT**  
**Yellow Rosebush Energy Center Public Hearing Transcript**  
**(created in the Webex application forum)**

WEBVTT

1 "Katie Imes" (1309656832)  
00:01:17.825 --> 00:01:21.943  
I can't hear you guys if you can hear me, I don't know. This can't hear you.

2 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)  
00:01:21.943 --> 00:01:23.072  
Thank you Katie.

3 "Katie Imes" (1309656832)  
00:01:23.072 --> 00:01:26.848  
Oh, ok. Cause somebody just unmuted me. Yeah.

4 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)  
00:01:26.848 --> 00:01:40.229  
The same.

5 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:01:40.229 --> 00:01:49.389  
Okay, I think we have it figured out now. So councils council members. I'm, can you hear us?

6 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)  
00:01:49.389 --> 00:01:52.549  
Yes, this is Marcy. Okay.

7 "Katie Imes" (1309656832)  
00:01:52.549 --> 00:01:54.569  
Yes I can hear you. Great I.

8 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:01:54.569 --> 00:02:18.980  
I have noted we just called role and I just noted for the record you're both present, so, so mr. by you have a quorum. Mr. secretary. Are there any agenda modifications? Not at this time. So I have the following announcements for council members and anyone addressing the council, please remember to state your name clearly, and please do not use.

9 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:02:18.980 --> 00:02:37.860  
Is the speakerphone feature as it will create feedback. Please mute your phones and if you are joining us by phone and receive a call, please hang up from this call and dial back in after finishing your other call. For those signed in onto the webinar, please do not broadcast your webcam.

10 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:02:37.860 --> 00:02:57.780

For tonight's public hearing, there are three ways to let us know you are interested in providing comments to the council. For those in person, please fill out a registration card and submit to Nancy Hatch, who is our technical wizard. For those using the Webex, you will need to use the raise your hand feature.

11 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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For those on the phone only you will need to press pound or star three, which will alert us that you want to speak, and we will go over these options again during that agenda item. Going further, if you want to receive future email notifications of council meetings, project my.

12 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Project milestones or rule makings through our click dimensions program. You can do so by clicking on the link in the agenda or on the council webpage. Look for the green box on the right hand side of the page that says quote sign up for emails update. Unquote. You are also welcome to access the online project mapping tool and any documents by visiting our website. Please.

13 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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14 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

00:04:10.610 --> 00:04:32.840

Are not acceptable. Pursuant to organ administrative rule 345-011-0080. Any person who engages in unacceptable conduct, which disrupts the meeting maybe expelled. Moving on to the consent calendar, we've got.

15 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

00:04:32.840 --> 00:05:00.629

Approval of the 19 September 2025 council meeting minutes. I'm hoping that all council members have had a chance to review. Do we have a motion? So thank you counselor Devlin. Do we have a second? Thank you. Oh count it Yes. New council member, which we'll hear about in a moment. So, we've got a motion and a second.

16 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

00:05:00.629 --> 00:05:19.870

Do we have any discussion? Secretary, can mr. secretary, can you please call the vote and buyer? Yeah. Richard Devlin? Yes. Katie Imes.

17 "Katie Imes" (1309656832)

00:05:19.870 --> 00:05:22.190

Yes.

18 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:05:22.190 --> 00:05:29.287  
Patty Perry, Cindy Conden. Yes, Marcy Grill.

19 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)  
00:05:29.287 --> 00:05:34.731  
I'm abstaining.

20 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:05:34.731 --> 00:05:42.751  
Ocean carries vice chair. Thank you mr. secretary. And next on the agenda is the council secretary report.

21 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)  
00:05:42.751 --> 00:05:45.508  
Excuse me vice chair of Conden.

22 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:05:45.508 --> 00:05:47.790  
Yes, I guess I shouldn't.

23 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)  
00:05:47.790 --> 00:05:53.071  
I said I'm upstating since I did not attend that meeting, I apologize.

24 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:05:53.071 --> 00:06:03.389  
Thank you, counselor Greyll. So moving on, ok. Council secretary report. Thank you very much.

25 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:06:03.389 --> 00:06:21.659  
So apologies for the noise. We've got a few more people than we anticipated, so I want to make sure everybody has a chair, so doing a little logist logistical changes right now, so apologies for that, but we'll keep pushing on. So I have a couple of staffing and council member updates.

26 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:06:21.659 --> 00:06:41.659  
So 1st, at the September council meeting, Secretary Esthersen announced that we had an ongoing recruitment to fill the compliance officer position. This was a position that was created in the last budget cycle. I'm happy to announce that we have filled that position. Our newest compliance officer is annah.

27 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:06:41.659 --> 00:07:02.779  
She comes to us from the nuclear Safety and energy security division within the Oregon Department of Energy where she served as the county energy Resilience Program coordinator, and prior to coming to the Department of Energy, Hannah was the education and outreach coordinator for the Jackson County soil and water Conservation district.

28 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon in planning public policy and management, a master's degree from Oregon State University and water Resources policy and management, and PhD coursework from the University of Utah in Metropolitan planning policy and design.

29 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We're very excited for Hannah to to begin working on projects. She started on 13 October. We're still in just in her second week, so just going through onboarding right now. And at this point we have a full compliance team, so three full time positions.

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And I'm very excited to see where Hannah, Brett and Egan take the compliance program. A couple of council member updates. So, also Secretary Esthersen announced that our newest council member Patty Perry, was appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.

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So as a reminder, council member Perry is currently the planning director for the confederated tribes of the Indian reservation. So welcome council member Perry. Please do not hesitate to let us know anything that you need and if you wanna say anything to the council, you are more than welcome to.

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Okay, while we have somebody coming on, we unfortunately have somebody going off. So council member Imes has announced that she has submitted her resignation effective at the end of this council or tomorrow's council meeting, so.

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Based on kind of some changes in her personal circumstances she's needing to resign, so I just want to thank council member Imes for all of her hard work and particularly I think very important perspectives that she brought to the council.

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And she has been living in the area where a lot of the facilities are located. So she brought that perspective of people who are actually living in and adjacent to these facilities and I thought represented them very well in addition to other insights and perspectives as well. So, thank you council member Eyes.

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And read us anything that you'd like as well.

36 "Katie Imes" (1309656832)

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Thank you, Todd. Yeah, thank you Todd. I'm I'm really sorry to go because I feel like I'm just getting my feet wet. But I know that the counselor will carry on and.

37 "Katie Imes" (1309656832)

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Continue to do good work. Thank you for the opportunity.

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Thank you. Glad to see you go. This is your meeting. I just want to say thank you counselor Imes for your service and something tells me we haven't seen the last of you. You can still get your.

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Feet and knees wet. So thank you for your time and attention to the material. You added a lot to our meetings.

40 "Katie Imes" (1309656832)

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Thank you vice chair conference. I appreciate that. Thanks.

41 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Slide please? Yes. Okay, so I have one project update. This is the Sunstone solar project request for amendment one. So the, this is a 1200 mW project and battery storage as a related in supporting facility. The project was approved in November of 2024.

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Projects is located in Moral County, approximately 17 mi north of Lexington, and the parent company is Pinegate renewables. So request for amendment one was submitted in July of this year. Amendment one seeks to.

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Do a few things. It would split the facility into six separate facilities. Remember this is the 14 sq mi one. So they're proposing to split it into six different site certificates, and also modify the transmission line corridor and reduce the number of switch yards from two to one.

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And then increase the footprint of one of the approved substations, so mostly administrative, a couple of other, changes as well. So, if you recall at the September council meeting, council approved the.

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New amendment rules. While you approve those rules, we have not filed them yet. Or Tom Jackman or our rulemaking coordinator has not filed them with the secretary of state. The reason being is on tomorrow's agenda, we have the sunset, not sunstone, the sunset, I make them mistake all the time. The sunset a.

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Amendment and council will review that and could issue a final decision, and so we want to make sure the timing of the existing rules and the new rules kind of work out. So we don't want there to be any confusion about the application of the new rules with that project, that amendment which is ongoing. So, if council makes a final decision tomorrow, Tom should file with the.

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State shortly thereafter in the afternoon. But, this creates a little bit of a conundrum or a complication for us. So, going back to the Sunstone solar project amendment one, that project as big as it was or big as big as it is really didn't have.

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Much in the way of public interest or controversy. You know, there was a few people who showed up, but they're really as for again as big as it was, it wasn't very concerning to, people who live around there or to any of the national resource groups, and so the new rules are going to allow for council to waive the in person.

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In Proximity requirement for the public hearing. So there will be an automatic public hearing for all amendments and if there is an in proximity in person requirement, it's not required by statute, it's your own rules. So you approve those rules, they will go into effect.

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We think that's a good idea. We also built in sort of an out, based on some circumstances, we, the department could request from the council to weigh that in proximity public hearing requirement.

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So we want to do that, but because those rules are not effective yet, we cannot do that tonight. But the timing of that public hearing would likely be in November, so that's this complexity. So essentially.

52 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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The new rule will allow you to the council or the chair. We wanted to build in an opportunity for the chair because circumstances may come up,

you know, kind of in between council meetings, which would make it difficult to get the whole council to review. So we are going to ask the chair once the rules go into effect to waive the improximity.

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We're proposing that the meeting occur in salem. Public hearing would occur in Salem. Again, based on our prior experience, we don't think there's gonna be much interest from the public public on that. So we don't think, you know, there's gonna be much of a concern as a result.

54 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So, but for transparency's sake, you know, we wanted to get it out in front of you and if you are ok doing a straw poll, I would seek to do a straw hole now. Again, it's not binding, but if you're absolutely not, we want to be in.

55 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Proximity, you know, that would likely drive us then to be out in boardman for that public hearing. If you're ok, we would then be asking the chair to have the meeting in Salem. Does that make sense? It's again, it's a little chicken or, you know.

56 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Kind of, so I want to make sure that I understand this we can take a strap hole and it's really meaningless until the chair, I mean, the chair is gonna make that decision.

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And I would convey that to the chair. Yeah w whatever the strawpole says. Yeah. Thank you. And I, I guess I think of the, this as a pretty big project. It certainly has, you know, not really opposite, NO real opposition that we heard. But I am curious.

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That with a change to anticipate that there wouldn't be comments, you know, questioning it and now we're having a meeting in Salem as opposed to where it is. So can I put into a a sort of a different perspective if if.

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This project moved forward under the current rules, it would be a type B and there would be NO public hearing and there would be NO opportunity to comment in front of council, there would only be a written public comment period. So kind of again with with the new rules public hearing in front of council on all amendments, but again, you know, some of these can be, you know, very minor in nature and you know it's a big effort to.

60 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Who, you know, go out to these places and and if there is, we believe there is, you know, interest, we're absolutely going to, you know, be out there. We don't believe that this one will have interest. Quick question.

61 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So with the understanding that this would trigger a public hearing, not in proximity but in salem, if during the public hearing there were a number of comments about wait a minute.

62 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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You didn't come out to us, would that, would we have a chance to then say, ok, we're hearing you will keep the hearing open. Is that an option? I mean and that would be an option I think you'd have to just, you would have to think about how many people, you know, is there additional value to being there in person? Are those people.

63 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We're still able to provide their comment either, you know, we don't necessarily want people to drive, have to drive to salum, to do that, but they could testify online on the phone as well. Sure. So just knowing that There's, we're creating that opportunity for hearing if we had a number of people who raised concerns, we would have an option but it's, it is just a little squishy with the rules not quite being in place, but as long.

64 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Because we have that opportunity to hear from people. Yeah, and again this is for trans for full transparency. We don't want to hide any of this stuff, we want to kind of put it out there, make sure everybody's understanding what our thought is from staff. Again, you can agree with us, you don't have to, but, you know, we wanted to make sure that you all had a chance to think about this and that we didn't just later on after the rules are filed, go to the chair. Yep, but thank you for the opportunity. So this is really an opportunity to provide flexibility.

65 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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To deal with this situation as it exists. Yeah, and and again going back to the, you know, the nature or or the sort of aspect of the rules, currently we have type A and type B So if it's type B, there is NO public hearing. Yeah, there is NO ability to comment directly in front of the council. There's only a written public comment time frame.

66 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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It's a type A, same thing there is the ability, you know, to, there's a public hearing, it's in proximity, it's in front of council, you know, but with the new rules, we've eliminated the type A and type B There's a public hearing.

67 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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On all projects, on all amendments in front of council, there is value to that, I believe but does it justify, does each amendment justify going out to location? Some? Absolutely, and I believe some will not.

68 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And we, we staff believe that this one will not. Thank you, and how would you like to do this job call? I will call kind of basically just do a similar roll call and I'll make note of it. Again, it's not binding, because the rules are not affected yet.

69 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Cindy Condin? Yes. Richard Devlin? Yes, but I'll leave it up to the judgment of the people actually few meetings, not attend. Okay, the 1st day I am traveling.

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The 1st, the 1st day I'm traveling all days by a certain airline and I will arrive in Portland back on 2nd day at about 02:00 A.M. in the morning, which will because of where I've been, will be equivalent about five or six in the morning. I have offered to be available for 2nd.

71 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Day if necessary, but I do not anticipate being entirely awake. Julie noted. Katie Imes.

72 "Katie Imes" (1309656832)

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I'm gonna abstain since I will not be attending. Fair enough.

73 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Mercy Grail.

74 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)

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I would be most likely attending. I'm trying in person, but we see how well that's working, so it doesn't have a whole big bearing for me.

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Antire. Yes, I'm ok. Patty Perry. Yes. Thank you all and thanks for the sort of odd request. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.

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Okay, next are the compliance updates, so getting advance the slide when you get a chance, Nancy. The 1st is Biglow canyon wind farm. This is a 450

mW project in Sherman County owned by Portland General Electric consists of 217 turbines. Since the.

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Last council meeting, there were two incidents. So the 1st was that a PGD technician discovered a broken piece of the blade caller near turbin 339I don't have a map, but, and that was on 9 October. Turbine was taken offline and a root cause analysis is pending, so that one is still open.

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And on 7 October, this PG technician reported turbin 65 was found with its door unlocked, and that's one of the requirements that.

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The public are not able to access the equipment. And so that's one of the things that also needs to be remedied, so that one's still open. The other is not.

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Yeah, Sarah does it better than I do with Patrick Waywitt solar field or field solar. This is a hundred and 62 mW solar project in Gilland County. It's on eleven, well, 1189 acres, and the owner is oven Grid, a parent company.

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On 14 October, a small self contained fire affecting approximately eight five acres was discovered at the project site. It was inactive at the time somebody found it after had burned and then went out. No injuries or equipment damage, NO emergency response.

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Was required and that's still under evaluation, so that's an open incident as well. Question. It's my understanding on Bigelo Canyon that we're having fairly regular compliance reporting since there have been a number of incidents. Is that still continuing? Yes, thank you.

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Yes. Yeah, I mean, and as we talked about I think last council meeting, you know, they do have a, they are working on numerous things, so it may not result in all the issues that we're seeing, but for kind of the big things, the.

84 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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The transformer failures and the oil leaking kind of downside and on the blades. They do, and these are some of the kind of earlier wind turbines. So they they do have a plan. They are working through that. There's a lot

of effort going on, so we hope to see, you know, some pretty significant changes in.

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2026, you know, into 2027 as they do a lot of those changes. So, and as we get more details on that, we'll, we'll provide that. But yes, the short answer to your question is there is a consistent pattern in varying types of things that are occurring out there. Thank you.

86 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Alright, next slide, please. Oops, I think I got these ones off, so I'll go in my reverse order. That was my fault. So council meetings, so the next council meeting is in November.

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On the 21st, as we talked about, you know, we haven't gone to the chair yet in terms of location, but we were seeking sort of your insights about the location, so likely now it will be in salem. We will need a meeting, it'll be one day, we'll provide more details to you later.

88 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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The December meeting is the 18th and the 19th. We do have a couple of projects that are nearing the public hearing phase, so we may need to have both of those days for you know an evening meeting with the public hearing and the regular counsel meeting on the 19th. Again, we'll be.

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In touch about the specifics of those as we get closer to that. And then as we get kind of near the end nearing the end of the year, so we're in the Q4, we want to make sure that everybody starts planning for the next year in terms of dates. So Nancy had sent out the dates that are on the screen to everybody.

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And I'm not looking for your response yet, but I think it helps to again look at the dates, make sure, you know, that they work, and if they don't, you know, please let us know cause what we'll do then is gather that information to either confirm these dates, get them locked on the calendar, knowing that very likely we have a quorum for all of you, so.

91 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Doesn't mean that everybody has to be available for every meeting, so please let us know if, you know, you're definitely not available for some, that's fine. That'll just allow us to again assess whether these are the right dates or whether we need to move them. So, yeah. Thank you. And just Nancy did send out an email to all of us and so hopefully we've all responded and, gotten back to you or we'll we'll do that shortly.

92 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Thank you. Yeah, and we'll, and we'll follow up, you know, again, because we want to lock these things in. So if we haven't heard from anybody, we'll follow up with that as well. Thank you. All right, next slide please. Yep, ok. So this will be my last item and it's kind of a big item, so this relates to the executive order 2525.

93 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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The governor Cotech issued on 6 October. So today I'm gonna give you a brief overview of the executive order and what the siting division is doing in response to that. So I have requested someone from the governor's office to come to come to the November meeting. I'm hoping they will be able to come. This is not our executive order. It's the governor's executive.

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Order so there's some things that I'll be able to explain to you and tell you, others you you know better to ask questions, but I may not have the ability to provide answers cause again, it's not not our executive order.

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So this was in response to the federal government's changes to renewable energy production and investment tax credits. In order for developers to be eligible, but they must now begin construction before 5 July 2026 and must be placed into service before 31 December 2027.

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So these tax credits were previously available, but and I'm not aware of what the timelines were or if there were any limitations, but with the new federal administration has put those more definitive current timelines on there. And so the executive order is basically relating to trying to make sure that projects that came.

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Can get into construction and operation in order to meet those, that we will make some efforts to help those in short. So the major elements for and and we're not the only ones listed in here, there are other agencies that are listed. I'm just really responding to the direction to the Oregon Department of Energy, really the siting division.

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And the energy facility siting council. We are both named. So the, you can see on the screen kind of the major elements for us. The 1st thing is to consult with developers. And again, I will get back to that one on the next slide. So the.

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1st consult with developers, then prioritize projects, speed up review as allowed by statutes and rules, and this could include minimizing public comment time frames, minimizing reviewing agency comment time frames, not holding public information meetings. Those are not required, so last.

100 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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This month we were here to have a public information meeting at the completeness. Those are not legally required. They're opportunities or options. We always do them, we think they're valuable. We think it helps people to prepare for the public hearing, but they take time and you know.

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And resources and so those are the types of things that we would be looking at, you know, in addition to others. But we have a very sort of clear statutory process and the rules implement that. So, you know, there's not a tremendous amount of flexibility in those. So again, we'll have to look at what the opportunities are and those are just some examples.

102 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Examples that I wanted to provide. So the other major thing is that we, the department and the council, would not pursue as a violation the construction of a project prior to the issuance of a site certificate.

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But there are some caveats in there, so it's not just they can go out and do whatever they want. That's limited by, they have to get to the point where the application is deemed complete. So somebody can't just go out there and do it. They have to go through the notice of intent phase.

104 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Unless it's you know a smaller facility would be exempt from the notice of intent phase, they would have to submit a preliminary application, we would review that preliminary application in order to deem it complete, and only then could they start construction.

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They would have to provide a letter of credit, not a bond, only a letter of credit. The letter of credit would have to be, there's like a per megawatt dollar amount, and that's in the executive order. The letter of credit would have to be from an institution that's on the council's list.

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And in the form that's approved by the council, the work would have to be the minimum necessary to meet the federal requirement. So they couldn't go

out there and build the entire facility. It would have to be just the minimum necessary to meet that federal beginning construction requirement, which I.

107 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Couldn't tell you exactly what that is. And then, importantly, known resources would have to be avoided. That's one of the points of being at completeness, not that we've done the full evaluation and have a site certificate and conditions and timing and all of those things.

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But at a complete application, a lot of the most of not all the resources or at least known, therefore could be avoided. And then ultimately the developer must still meet all of the requirements of the siting council and must receive a site certificate.

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Just because they begin construction without a site certificate does not obligate the council to approve them later on. They still have the same burden to go through the remainder of the process and receive a site certificate to finish off construction of the remainder of the project.

110 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Okay, before I move into the next slide question Yes, thank you. See there was question, just a question with respect to the letter of credit that the letter of credit referred to here is different than our security.

111 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Required in a site certificate. So, as I, is that correct? It's a second letter. This isn't a financial assurance. It is. Yes. So that if they be if they construct that portion of the facility never finish the site review process and walk away, we've gotta letter credit to decommission the facility.

112 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So it is, I mean it's a little difficult because it's not subject to a condition and, you know, there's the, you know, that evaluation hasn't been done, but it functionally is meant to be the same thing. And so it will have the same terms and conditions that we have talked about. It will.

113 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Will be our Yeah and that that's in the form that that's been approved by the council. So it has to be in the exact form that we would, if somebody who has a site certificate and begins construction has to submit a financial assurance, you know, instrument and they choose a letter of credit, it would be the exact same form.

114 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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It is interesting because the letter of credit language does site the site certificate, and so yeah ok thank you.

115 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Under this scenario, where does it lead the opportunity for public input? They would still have to go through the process. So really again if somebody, you know, gets to completeness and then, you know, that's prior to 5 July 2026 and they begin construction in order to meet that.

116 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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That federal deadline, therefore, they're eligible then for those tax credits that they're not done. They still have to continue going through the whole FSEC process. So we would then still have, you know, at that point I don't know why we'd wave off public information meeting because they've already gotten the, you know, eligibility. We would likely still have the public information meeting. We would also have a public hearing like we're doing tonight. All of those.

117 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Things would still be required. But after the start of construction, after the start of construction. Yeah, it just makes me a little queezy about just, just for the record yep ok definitely.

118 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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I talked to the secretary about this. I think some of the realities of this is if we can find projects where if parties bring projects to us, that are in a sense ready. I mean I think it's something we absolutely should do, but.

119 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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I didn't realizing three things, in the last year, we seems like almost every meeting or every other meeting we've had requests to extend times for construction or to start construction. The underlying realities of developers in terms of how much risk they want to take.

120 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Do they have access to transmission lines, whether even they're within a quarter of a mile or a half a mile? Do they actually have access and how much risk do they wanna take? Do they actually have a party that will agree to purchase their power in the long term?

121 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So I think it's worthwhile to obviously pull all the direction of the governor, and I'm hoping there's some projects that come forward that meet

this standard, but it's a pretty high standard to be able to do all of those things in this shorter period of time.

122 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And just a comment with respect to that I don't know if you know off the top of your head secretarynette, but how many projects do we have approved out there that really haven't moved forward? This is a great segue.

123 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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I'll move into the next slide. Okay. All right. So you all got it y'all perfectly got ahead of me, which, but actually it's it's great because you're setting me up perfectly. Okay, got it. So I'm gonna go back to the 1st thing that we really need to do, which is consult with developers. The executive order doesn't explain what that means. So, we've been kind of trying to figure that out.

124 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So yesterday, we sent out a survey to all active projects. So these are ones essentially any project that is active that hasn't fully constructed everything. You know, we have some projects that have constructed part of it, and they still cons construct, you know, other parts of it, some that have been approved, that haven't begun construction, some that are in review, and then some that we've had some recent conversations with that haven't actually come in yet.

125 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So we pulled that list together and got that out so thanks to Sarah and BV who put a lot of work into that and and making sure that that got out. We're trying to be as timely as possible, but these things a little complicated, you know, we don't have clear directions so we're having to kind of figure things out and do a lot of.

126 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Connections with others to make sure we're kind of doing it, you know, in a reasonable way. So that went out yesterday. So we'll start to hear back from people, and I'm not gonna tell you everything that we're asking from people in there, but the big things are, do they have a power purchase agreement for someone to take their power?

127 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Are they in the interconnect queue, you know, with BPA or, you know, one of the investor owned utilities? If so, where are they at in the interconnect queue? Will they be seeking to meet the federal physical beginning construction requirement or the actual federal rules allow, and I'm gonna say this in a general way.

128 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Because I don't know the specifics, somebody can buy equipment and meet that construction deadline without physically constructing. So I don't know the limitations on that, but there is that kind of option as well. So are they going to be, you know, using that method in order to meet that requirement? Yeah. And those were, those are the major questions that we're asking him. Again, there's some.

129 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And so once we get those results back, then we're gonna have to do an analysis, you know, and kind of start to look at those and figure out, you know, which ones are the highest priority based on certain circumstances. We're also gonna look at projects right now that are in.

130 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Preconstruction projects that are at the end of the review that may want to move forward that actually maybe outside of the executive order once they're approved, you know, we, those are projects that actually, if they want to move forward, you know, can actually get to that point in time. So we're gonna be of doing this full evaluation of the information that we.

131 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We receive, you know, prioritize them, we'll seek input, you know, from the governor's office on that as well. And then, if we need to do anything, we will then reallocate our resources and come up with specific kind of targets and plans for each of the projects.

132 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So, to the point that, you know, you were both making, we have nine approved projects. Nine approved projects equally more than 3 gW, for Windon solar generation, 2 gW of battery storage.

133 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Three of these are actively working on meeting pre constructions right now, and likely they can begin construction prior to that deadline. The others we've not heard from them, again, hopefully we'll hear from them based on the survey, but some of these go back years. Again, you know, you've seen these time extension requests, NO power purchase agreements, NO interconnect.

134 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So this executive order and this doesn't change any of that. So there may, you know, there maybe a lot of projects that want to utilize this and try to move forward in order to get ready for that. There maybe none. I we don't know yet, but again, there are a lot of projects that the council has approved that already could have begun construction.

135 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Years ago that happened, you know, and those are the physical limitations that we and you do not have any control over. And so thank you for that and just a final comment at our last meeting, we talked about removing language about the need for an extension.

136 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And for for me that is a big thing and having it removed, I mean, you're going having to go back to consult with developers on the very things that I think that we should be asking.

137 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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When extensions are, are requested. It's all. Thank you. Okay, and that was the last of my items, so unless anybody has any questions, we can move on to what everybody's here for today, so my apologies for going along. Counselor Aimes counselor Greal, any comments?

138 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)

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No, I will say I concur with you about the, the need to not have extensions. It just seems like kicking the can usually doesn't work in most circumstances, so I'll be curious to see how this all plays out. Thank you.

139 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Answer I'm?

140 "Katie Imes" (1309656832)

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No comments. Thank you. Thank you. All right, thank you.

141 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Thank you very much. And I'm sorry I can't see you. I can't see anything so I I'm I'm just talking into air. And feel free to speak up if you have a question and I.

142 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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I'm not seeing that. So with that the secretary the secretary Cornette, thank you very much for that. And now we move into the Yellow Rosebastian Energy Center. We have a hearing on the draft proposed order, and we have Kate Sloan in the.

143 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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In the chair. So, and Sarah Esthersen, our senior site analysis analyst will, I think that's the right title, senior. That's ok. Yeah, she'll she'll, she'll give her proper title. We'll be our hearings officer tonight. So Kate, you had the floor.

144 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Thank you vice chair of Conden. So my name is Kathleen Sloone for the record. I'm a senior siting analyst with the Oregon Department of Energy and tonight I'm gonna present basically the information item that precedes the public hearing. Sarah Esthersen will run the public hearing.

145 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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I guess I just wanted to make council aware.

146 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We will be reviewing the draft proposed order at the November council meeting, so we'll go in depth into our evaluation as a department, the DPO, and any comments we've received and also our responses to comments. So tonight really is.

147 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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A quick overview for the purposes of just making people kind of give them some context of the project and then kick it over for the public hearing because that's really the purpose of us being here tonight. Next slide.

148 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Oh, and it's for the yellow Roastbush Energy Center located in Wasco County. All right, so this slide is just to give you an overview of what we're gonna do. Like I said, I'm gonna give you an overview of some of the highlights in the draft proposed order and of the facility as proposed.

149 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Rather than having the hearing overview from the vice chair, it's gonna be Sarah, so I didn't fix that slide.

150 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And then we'll kick it over for public, and the order of speaking will be the applicant will have an opportunity to make some comments. We'll open it up for public comments in the room and then I believe Webex and then the phone and then it'll come back around to council to ask questions or.

151 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Make comments and then at the end the applicant team will also have an opportunity to respond to comments tonight if they so choose.

152 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Okay, so next slide. So the yellow Rosebush Energy Center, like I said, is located. It's off of Bake Oven Road here in Wasco County about 8 mi from Moppinn. It is proposed to be cited on an 8th of.

153 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Thousand and 25 acre site boundary that is on privately owned land zoned for exclusive farm use. It's an 800 mW.

154 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Solar facility with related and supporting facilities I'll talk about in a minute. And then they're also looking at two possible transmission point of interconnection to the BPA transmission line. One would be directly adjacent to the facility and the other one.

155 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Would extend approximately 4.5 mi north of the facility, almost 2 mi of it into Sherman County to connect with another BPA facility, the Buckley station. So the.

156 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Application in the draft proposed order includes both alternatives for the transmission. The applicant has indicated they would only build one and I'll talk a little bit more about that when I get to some of the specifics on the on the project. But the applicant.

157 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Is Yellow Rosebush Energy Center LLC? They're a subsidiary of Savian LLC, which is owned by Shell Energy Group. The applicant team is here tonight, so they'll have an opportunity to introduce themselves. Next slide.

158 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So this is a little more detail on just the proposed facility. The solar facility itself along with all of its required components, 34.5 KV collection system, it is also including up to.

159 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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800 mW of battery energy storage as an option. There will be a collector substation and O and M building. There will be a perimeter fence that will surround the entire facility. And there will also be.

160 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Approximately 27 mi of new and improved excess roads, some staging areas, temporary staging areas, and they will be intertying into a 500 KVPA transmission court or existing.

161 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Next slide. So this map might be a little hard to see. The purple outline is the site boundary. One of the things I wanted to highlight is.

162 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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If you look to the, the east, there's another green line that goes north to south, and that is that area is being.

163 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Proposed as part of the habitat mitigation because there was prime habitat along that side in those consultations with ODFW, ODFW identified it as a priority habitat area, and they were able to design the project.

164 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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To avoid it, but I also have included part of it as possible for the HMA, their habitat visit negation area. Okay, next slide.

165 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So, this slide has a lot of information on it, and it is important to go through for our process. So the applicant started with the notice of intent, which was back in 2023, out of which we issued a project order. There.

166 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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There was a public information meeting out here in Moffin at the time and the applicant came and we took a lot of public comment at the time and we issued the project order in January of 2024. And.

167 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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That project order is basically the requirements of the application, what needed to be included in the application per our understanding of the project, comments we've received, and also just our standards and rules. So from that, the applicant.

168 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Prepared what is the preliminary application? The preliminary application was submitted 30 August of 2024. And we worked with the applicant and the reviewing agencies for about a year through a series of.

169 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Requests for additional information and their responses to get to a complete application. So at the end of August, it was 28 August, we deemed it complete and we asked them to submit a complete application which they did on 5 September. So on 1 October.

170 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Well, we had a public information meeting up here a month ago. So on 25 September, we had a public information meeting here in this room, in which the applicant presented on their project. We presented on our process and how to participate and kind of an overview of our.

171 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Review process and how we were gonna proceed. And then we issued the draft proposed order on 1 October of this year. And we opened up a public comment period. That draft proposed order was posted to our webpage and we.

172 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Issued a public notice of the draft proposed order and the public hearing.

173 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And we are having that hearing tonight. Throughout this process, we've been having ongoing agency coordination just to make sure that they are reviewing and coordinating, giving us good input as we evaluate our standards. So that is where we are right now. Tonight we're having the.

174 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Public hearing, the public comment period is open until 3 November at 05:00 in the evening. Tonight is the opportunity to provide oral testimony. Written comments can be submitted up until the close of the public comment period.

175 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And then in November, we will be reviewing the draft proposed order with council, and we'll be looking at all the comments received and our evaluation of those comments will have ready for you at that time. So what happens next is after we go through council's.

176 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Review of the draft proposed order, so that's after the public hearing, after public comment is closed. Council reviews the draft proposed order. The department has, I believe it's 21 days to issue a proposed order and that is the department's.

177 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Second version of the order. When we issue that draft proposed order, we will also issue a notice, a public notice of proposed order and an opportunity to request to participate in the contested case. And one of the reasons I bring that up is because.

178 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Because if you're here tonight and you want to make.

179 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Oral testimony on the record or you want to submit comments on the record, those things need to happen in order for you to be eligible to request to participate in the contested case. So there's a couple things I'm gonna read because it's complicated and I'm not gonna remember.

180 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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People to remember it all. So.

181 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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As I said, the public comment period is still open and it will close on 3 November at 05:00 p.m.. We'll continue to review all the comments received on the record and our current plan is to review that with council at the November meeting.

182 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:52:01.170 --> 00:52:21.170  
The recommended findings in the DPA are DPO, which is the draft proposed order, are based on the information provided in the application for site certificate as well as the department's consultation and coordination with other state agencies, the local affected governments and affiliates.

183 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:52:21.170 --> 00:52:28.920  
The tribes. The issuance of the draft proposed order comes after several rounds of public engagement.

184 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
00:52:28.920 --> 00:52:48.920  
During the review of the notice of intent and completeness review of the application. So tonight's public hearing and the associated comment period are attended to provide interested members of the public with the opportunity to express their views or raise any concerns with the proposed facility or the recommended findings in the draft.

185 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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Proposed order.

186 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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After the close of the comment period, like I said, the department and after council's review will issue that proposed order with, will be our final departmental recommendations, and it'll consider all of the input that we received, including the input and direction we may receive from council.

187 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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When they review the draft proposed order.

188 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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The proposed order will be subject to a contested case proceeding, which will be conducted by a hearing officer that will be appointed. Any person who intends to raise any issue that maybe the basis of a contested case proceeding must raise the issue either in person at the hearing tonight.

189 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Or in a written comment received by the department before the close of the public comment period. The person must raise the issue with sufficient specificity to afford the council, the department and the applicant an opportunity to respond.

190 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Including statements of fact that support a person's position on the issue. And you'll hear more about this later. At the conclusion of the contesting case, the council shall issue a final order, either approving or rejecting the application. And so that will take you through all the chevrons on my slide, but the important part to realize is we're there kind of in the middle.

191 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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At the draft reports order phase. Next slide.

192 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So I'm gonna go through these next slides very quickly. They will be posted to the website. I don't want council to feel like I'm giving you the bum's rush. I'm going through it really fast because we're gonna go through these at the next council meeting. It's really just to give an overview of some of the highlights in the draft proposed order.

193 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So the applicant in the 1st standard that I'm gonna talk about is just general standards of review. And if people want to follow along, I have the page numbers in the draft proposed order where you can follow along in those sections. I guess I wanted to also say all these documents are on the project webpage should you want to review them. So.

194 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So just really briefly, the applicant is planning to con to construct the facility in probably two phases at 400 mW each with each phase taking about three years to complete. And we have conditions that set the requirements.

195 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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For construction start and completion. Again, I had already mentioned they're looking at two alternatives for inner tie to the BPA 500 KB line that's already there. One has been fully surveyed as directly adjacent to the facility. The other one has.

196 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Yet to be surveyed. And there's some reasons for that. They didn't have access. It wasn't necessarily their, their preferred alternative, but if it were to be selected, we have recommended conditions that are very clear that any unsurveyed portions of that transmission line would require.

197 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Adequate survey and under our applicable standards may have additional conditions and requirements including mitigation depending on the findings of those surveys, and those surveys would be required only if that.

198 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Alternative was selected for final design. So, just wanted to be fully transparent about that. Okay, next slide. So on to the next standard was organizational expertise.

199 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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The applicant team is here so they could certainly answer any questions that you might have. But just again, this is an applicant that is an LLC created for the facility, Yellow Rosebush Energy Center. They are a subsidiary of Savian LLC, which is the Renewable Energy arm.

200 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Term of the shell energy group and they have.

201 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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23 projects in eleven states in operation construction and contracted, and they also have 18 gW of solar development across 73 projects in 26 states, and 14.8 gW of battery storage across 60 projects in.

202 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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24 states. We got that information from their web page. They also submitted a letter as part of their application materials to attest to the fact that.

203 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Set yellow Rosebush and Savion have access to the expertise and qualifications of personnel, and resources from shell energy as, as an assurance. And we also just kind of wanted to the.

204 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Some of the conditions we have recommended, we feel like it's important that we specify that applicants and certificate holders if, you know, once a facility is approved that they identify for us.

205 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Who their on site compliance person is, that person needs to be qualified. They need to provide us with their name and contact information, and we need to have that person clearly identified for the phases of construction and also for operations.

206 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Next slide. So just in general, the soils in the bound, in the site boundary and in the analysis areas, anyone who lives out here will know, they are susceptible to dust and erosion.

207 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Just basically, there are a lot of what they call aeolian lists. So wind blown deposits very fine, and they are susceptible to dust, propagation and erosion by wind and water. We have requirements and conditions that.

208 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Include the required national pollution discharge illumination construction permit. We call it the nipties, the 1200 C, and it includes the fugitive dust requirements. There's a draft fugitive dust plan in the draft proposed order. These are all requirements.

209 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Prior to construction that they obtain and they have to follow them for construction. We have.

210 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Also recommended that we maintain some of those, what we call best management practices or BMPs to minimize erosion or loss of soils to extend past construction and during operations of the facility, and so that was one of.

211 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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The things that we have recommended in a draft proposed order as a condition. Because once that nippiet is terminated, those requirements terminate with them. So by adding a condition that these.

212 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Best management practices continue during the life of this facility is something that we felt like we should add. Next slide. So we will have more opportunities to talk about land use, but the.

213 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Because the facility would occupy over 7000 acres of for the micro siting area of land that is currently zoned for exclusive farm use. It does require what we call a goal three exception under the state state land use planning goal three. And these.

214 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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What are the reasons that a facility may.

215 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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Be granted by council an exception to goal three. So it could be that there is NO impact to high valued farmland or there is other evidence that there is a minimal impact to agriculture. It.

216 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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Maybe an argument that the facility is locationally dependent. It could be that the applicant can make the case that it creates local economic benefits, four and five are minimal impacts to resources and, the important state in county goals.

217 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
01:01:18.410 --> 01:01:21.330  
Priorities. So next slide.

218 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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This is kind of from our, from the rule, and this just kind of familiarize everybody in council that council may find goal compliance for a facility that does not otherwise comply with a statewide planning goals by taking an exception, so that's why I saying it means that exception.

219 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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The goal three because it exceeds the acreage. If the.

220 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
01:01:47.730 --> 01:02:07.730  
Council finds that the following standards are met. So reasons to justify why state policy should not apply or significant environmental economic, social or energy consequences anticipate as a result of the proposed facility that have been identified and adverse impacts will be mitigated.

221 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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Did in.

222 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
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Accordance with the rules of council, and see the proposed facility is compatible with other adjacent uses or will be made compatible through measures designed to reduce adverse impacts. Okay, next slide. So the department, we're an evidentiary based process, so that in the applicant.

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The applicant submits their.

224 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Reasons for what they feel were, they five reasons, their justifications for the five reasons and how they felt that they could meet them. Based upon the department's evaluation of the application and what is submitted, we have recommended that council.

225 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Find that they can take the goal exception based on reasons one and two. We felt that they were the strongest. So the facility does not impact high value farmland or water availability and would have minimal direct, indirect, induced impacts to agricultural activity.

226 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Is at the site and the overall agricultural economy of Wasco County.

227 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So the department found or recommends that council find that the use of the site would have minimal impacts to high value farmland, water availability, and any direct impacts to agricultural practices. There's a pretty extensive evaluation of that in the draft proposed order, but for the sake of.

228 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Tonight. I am not gonna get into it. I'm just gonna summarize it here. And we did feel that based on these facts, this reason was solid and justifies an exception to goal three for this proposed site. And then the next slide.

229 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And then 2nd reason that we felt was a strong case was the reason provided by the applicant on locational dependency. The facility intends to try to inter tie into the BPA transmission line that is already there.

230 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And they are.

231 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Designing the facility to co locate with those facilities by BPA. So we recommend that council accept the argument that proximity to bpa's existing John day to Grizley transmission line, which is the big line that that they do.

232 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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The run parall, they connect you right there or they'd run parallel to into.

233 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Sherman county. And the proximity to the existing major transportation corridors does support a locational dependence reason that in part justifies the goal three. So it's a combination of the two that we felt would support the goal three.

234 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So, part of the requirements for right retirement and financial assurance is that we ask the applicant to fill out a Excel spreadsheet of all of their equipment and their proposed decommissioning costs that we put through.

235 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Our review and then we confirm or adjust those amounts in the draft proposed order. Sometimes the adjustment is the contingency amount that the department applies to it.

236 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So in the draft proposed order, we estimated that the cost of decommissioning would be 46.2 million in quarter 02:20 \$24, and the applicant has provided a comfort letter from city Bank that says that they would be comfortable of providing a.

237 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Number of credit up \$46 million to the applicant, so.

238 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We have, requirements in conditions that that is all trued up and solidified prior to construction. Next slide. So for fish and wildlife habitat, the applicant worked pretty extensively with Oregon department and fish and wildlife.

239 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Life to both categorize and characterize the habitat within the analysis area and the site boundary. Like I said, they also worked with them to identify priority areas within the site boundary that could be avoided in facility design. The.

240 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Based upon all of that, they have identified approximately 4670 acres of permanent impacts and a hundred and 98 acres of temporary impacts to what is called.

241 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Category two big game winner range, and it's an ODFW habitat category. Category two overlays the entire analysis or site boundary.

242 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And it's category two for winter range for mule deer. So, based upon that fact, the mitigation ratios and the mitigation that was presented in the draft proposed order.

243 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Is really about cat two. So regardless of where, where it would have fallen and like vegetation subtype, it's all treated as category two except for the areas that are developed, which are category six and don't require mitigation at all. The permanent in.

244 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Impacts are mitigated through what is called a habitat mitigation plan. Permanent impacts are mitigated off site at a dedicated habitat mitigation area in the draft proposed order. The applicant identified two potential mitigation areas. They.

245 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Also in their.

246 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Since the DPO was issued and council got this in the comment supplement yesterday, they submitted some documentation and support of their securing the primary habitat mitigation area which is that Ty Ridge ranch area. Temporary impacts are.

247 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Were mitigated through a re revegetation and reclamation plan and the implementation of anoxious weed plan. So that's kind of like the impacts inside the fence boundary are considered permanent, so they're mitigated off site.

248 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And what's left are the little pieces that have to be revegetated like when they did commission roads or areas around the perimeter fence. So we have a range of fish and wildlife conditions in the draft proposed order that are intended to address of.

249 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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The finalization of draft plans, anything that needs to be considered prior to construction and then also implemented during construction or operations. Next slide. So again, just talked I already talked about this so we can probably skip this slide, but.

250 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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But, the tie Ridge ranch is one portion of the HMA that is not on the site boundary and it is also an area that was identified as a high priority area by ODFW for conservation.

251 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And they worked closely with them to select it. So next slide. So for historic cultural and archaeological resources, the entire micrositing area and within the analysis area was surveyed for cultural.

252 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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For Resources and technical reports were prepared by qualified archaeologists and those were reports were submitted to the confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and who was the.

253 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Tribe that is culturally affiliated with this area, we're within their seat and lands and also to the state historic preservation officer as part of the application review. And the only part of the facility that has not proposed facility that has not been served.

254 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Vaporcultural resources is that alternative transmission line corridor. And so we've included our.

255 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Require a recommended site certificate condition that makes it just like the general standard condition references it, but this specifies that if that alternative was selected, it would be required to go through all of that review and any kind of mitigation that.

256 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Would be coming from that if there were things found. So the applicant has.

257 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Committed to establishing buffers and avoiding all resources that were identified that were not evaluated under the national register for historic places.

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And we haven't put we have included two conditions to make very clear that those avoidance buffers would need to be adhered to during construction and operations of the facility.

259 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We did also reach out to the tribes on cultural resources, confederated tribes of Humatilla deferred to the confederated tribes of Warm Springs on this project, and we have not received any comments from confederated tribes of warm springs. But we've reached out to them several times and they have had the report, so.

260 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We still might get comment. Alright, next slide. Public services, just really briefly, so, you know, and this might be more of interest to some of the public that is here. The applicant is estimating that we're gonna have at peak.

261 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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400 workers on site during construction with an average probably more like two to 300. The traffic because of the, the way to access the facility would be either northbound or southbound most likely coming in on I 97 and using bay govern Road is the primary access.

262 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Because of the influx of traffic and also because of comments we've received from the Wasco County sheriff on a n another facility that has undergone construction in the past few years. There were some very specific.

263 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Get comments that the Wasco County sheriff has requested as part of coordination during construction with Wasco County to avoid any potential.

264 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Either public safety or traffic impacts as a result of facility construction, and we've included those as recommended conditions along with the, the letter from the sheriff is also in the draft proposed order. And I believe this might be my last slide. Okay, so.

265 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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The issue of the DPO is the opportunity for public comment, the notice the public notice opened that public comment period on 1 October. Again, I'm just gonna reiterate if you are interested in making comments, you still have time, you can.

266 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Provide oral comments tonight at the hearing. If you don't want to make oral comments tonight, you can email them, you can submit them through our public comment portal. All this information will be on a subsequent slide. You can mail them to me, you can drop them off at the office or you can fax them to us. And you can do that.

267 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And up until 05:00 P.M. on 3 November, so.

268 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Pacific time. Okay, next slide. So what's important the reason I keep emphasizing that is because council will not and cannot accept comments after on the application or the draft preproced order after the public record closes. And so that.

269 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Unless they extend it. So you can, you can, the council has that option but but they would it would have to be requested and they would have to grant an extension. So if you don't testify tonight or make oral comments tonight, just realize you can still make written.

270 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Public comments up until 05:00 P.M. on a 3 November, and why that is important is because only people who comment on the draft proposed order on the record, which is during this time of public comment are eligible to participate in a contested case.

271 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So for consideration in the contesting case, and this is important, issues must be submitted within the comment time frame. They must be within the jurisdiction of council, so it has to be related to a council standard or.

272 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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A regulation that they're reviewing as part of the process. And it must be raised with sufficient specificity to avoid, afford the council, the Department of Energy and the certificate holder, the opportunity to respond, and they should include a statement of facts that support the person's position on the issue.

273 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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If Anybody has any questions about this, they can reach out to me or anybody else on the, in the department if you are interested in.

274 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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How to submit comments. Next slide. And so very briefly, we have received two comments to date from reviewing the agencies on the draft proposed order receive received a general comment letter from Department of State lands that does the wetlands remove.

275 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Level review and we received an email from them actually today.

276 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Just today, so it will be presented to council when we do the DPO review that actually concurred with the, with the wetland's delineation. And then Wasco County planning department responded to a request from us to confirm some clarify the legal status of a parcel.

277 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Within the site boundary. Those are the only two reviewing agency comments we've received on the draft prepost order. We got good in.

278 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We'll put from all reviewing agencies under preliminary. The applicant has also submitted written comments on the draft proposed order. That was the supplemental staff report that you got yesterday. It's also been posted to the meeting webpage and it's shown as attachment three.

279 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And then to date we have not received any written public comments on the draft proposed order through email mail or the comment portal. So that's kind of where we are as of now. And then the next slide is where I'm gonna stop talking and I'm gonna turn it over to Sarah Esthersen, who's gonna run the public.

280 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Public hearing, just want to thank everybody for their patience and we're interested in hearing what people have to say.

281 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Thank you. Okay, good evening, everyone, and welcome. It's almost your turn. My name is Sarah Esthersen. I'm the senior policy advisor at the Oregon Department of Energy and tonight I'm serving as the presiding officer for this hearing. We are recording this hearing so that it maybe possi.

282 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Part of the record. For the record, this is 23 October 2025. It's the public hearing on the draft proposed order on the application per site

certificate for the yellow Rosebush Energy Center and the time is seven oh 3pM.

283 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Tonight's hearing is being conducted via Webex telephone, and obviously here in person at the Mop and civic center. Next slide please, Nancy. Okay, we are obligated to tell you this again. A person who intends to raise any issue that maybe the basis.

284 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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For the contested case must raise the issue in person at the hearing or in a written comment submitted to the department before the date deadline stated in the notice of the public hearing.

285 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And a person who intends to raise any issue that maybe the basis for a contested case must raise the issue with sufficient specificity to afford the council, the department, and the applicant in adequate opportunity to respond, including statements of fact that support the person's position on the issue.

286 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Okay, and as Kate mentioned, the order of commenters tonight is going to start with the applicant. We will offer them an opportunity to provide comments and then we'll open it up for members of the public here in the room and then on Webex and on the telephone, then council will be, will have an opportunity to ask.

287 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Ask questions or provide comments although council may ask questions to the applicant or any members of the public as we move through this hearing. And then if comments are received beyond from the applicant tonight, we will provide the applicant an opportunity to request to respond to those comments or request additional time to respond beyond the November.

288 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Your 3rd deadline. Okay, so for any individuals that are interested in commenting tonight, we do ask that you start by stating your name and address for the record that is so that we can get you a notice with your opportunity to request a contested case at the next step.

289 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So, next slide please, Nancy. Okay, we are ready applicant. Would you like to provide comments today? Okay.

290 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Red lights on, so we're recording. Okay, great. Oh, let me go. Sure. Oh, yeah, sure.

291 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Okay, good evening council members. Thank you for taking the time to be here tonight. My name is Jeff Watson and I'm a development manager at Savion Energy. Did you want me to spell my name? Okay, thanks. I lead project development efforts in the Pacific Northwest region.

292 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And I'm the lead developer for the Yellow Rose Bush Energy Center project. 1st I wanted to extend my sincere appreciation to the Oregon Department of energy Staff for their thorough review of our application for site certificate and the thorough analysis presented in the draft proposed order.

293 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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It's clear a significant amount of time, expertise and care went into this process and we are grateful for their diligence. Our team only has a few comments on the substance of the DPO which we have provided provided to the council in writing, so I would like to use my time tonight to address the Wasco county community. We recognize the potential imp.

294 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Packs a project like yellow rose Bush may have and we are committed to being a good neighbor in a positive force within Wasco County.

295 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Throughout this process, we've prioritized early and consistent engagement with key county stakeholders to understand and address concerns. We've held ongoing discussions with the planning department, the sheriff's office, fire safety authorities, the county commissioners, and the Department official wildlife among many others. These conversations have highlighted.

296 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Critical areas of concern, including fire safety, impacts on local resources such as law enforcement and emergency services and maintaining a safe and respectful press presence in the Wasco community during the construction phase.

297 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We take these concerns very seriously and are doing everything we can to mitigate them by addressing these concerns in our development plan. This is not a one time effort. We are committing to main maintaining open lines

of communication throughout the life of the project from development through operation.

298 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Beyond regulatory engagement, our team has also sought to contribute to the broader Wasco county community. We've made terrible terrible donations to organizations such as the South Wasco County High School, South Wasco County Library Foundation, the county fair, and the dissuited Rim Clinic Foundation.

299 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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These contributions represent the beginning of what we hope to be long term partnerships with organizations dedicated to improving life within Moscow County. In addition to community investments, the yellow Rosebush Energy Center is expected to create approximately or upwards of 400 jobs during the construction phase, leveraging the skills.

300 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Is a local workforce that has grown through previous energy projects in Wasco County and some of whom are here tonight behind us. Over its 40 year lifespan, the project will also generate millions of dollars in property tax, revenue, funding that will directly support local schools, infrastructure, and public services.

301 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We believe this project will be meeting will deliver meaningful, long term benefits to Wasco County.

302 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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As the project moves through development, the yellow Rosebush team commits to acting with honesty, integrity, and excuse me, commits to acting with honesty, integrity, and respect. We will continue to engage regularly with stakeholders, listen carefully and respond responsibly. Our goal.

303 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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In building this project and being a member of this community is to avoid, minimize and mitigate any adverse impacts while maximizing the benefits this project can bring to Wasco County. Thank you for your time and consideration today, and I will hand the mic over to my colleague Chris Powers. Thanks Jeff. Good evening council member. My name is Chris Powers.

304 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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I'm a senior director of permitting Environmental, I'm part of Savion's land stewardship group. I lead entitlements for all of Savion projects in the western region I'm also the permitting lead for this yellow rosebush project. I also want to thank staff for their efforts in reviewing and

analyzing all of the information that we provided for this project. It takes a tremendous amount of work and.

305 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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I think we really appreciate Kate's time and Sarah's time and all the calls that you've been on with us.

306 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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As Jeff mentioned, we only have a few comments on the DPO and we provided those comments in writing that you have in your information. So for my time tonight I want to touch briefly on the fish and wildlife habitat standard and I really wanted to highlight our efforts that went into the project and.

307 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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That Kate actually referenced in her presentation earlier.

308 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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There was a tremendous amount of work that went into that with all of the stakeholders on this project in the agencies. So we we started conducting field studies in this project way back in spring of 2023. And at that time we also started our coordination with Oregon department efficient Wildlife at that time. I think our 1st introduction.

309 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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64 % of those is comprised of shrub step and grassland habitat, that was field determined to be highly to very highly disturbed habitat, which essentially made it category four and five habitat. And that's based on I think Kate mentioned.

310 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Odfnw's habitat category table where one is the best in a replaceable habitat and six being those areas that are developed and, and those sorts of things that don't require mitigation. So although our side is primarily comprised of those e side grass lands, planted grass lands, and some.

311 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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As Kate mentioned, because the whole analysis area is entirely within mule deer or winter range, all of that fields characterized three four and five habitat was determined to be based on odfnw's recommendation category two.

312 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So, you know, We've committed to including Or.

313 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Referring.

314 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Thank you.

315 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So the result in draft HMA addresses all impacts except for those category six that again are based on that big game winter range overlay which made them all category two classification, which essentially resulted in much of our impacts requiring a two to one mitigation ratio for everything within the fence line.

316 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Instead of those much lower mitigation ratios, that would be commensurate with three, four, and five type.

317 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So this mitigation approach aligns with odfnw's requirements and will we think result in an overall improvement to quality of the underlying habitat and is recommended by ODFNW and this and the department. This is consistent with the mitigation goals and requirements of odfnw's habitat mitigation policy.

318 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So I I I do want to touch on the remaining part of our habitat mitigation areas cause I think it's really important to highlight that. So the majority of our mitigation obligation has been met by working with ODFNW and mr. Davis to establish a conservation easement on 5020 acres of his tieridge ranch, and that's.

319 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Located only about 15 mi northwest of here. So the HMA is also located within the similar habitats which make it a great in kind and in proximity form of mitigation as outside mitigation policy.

320 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So like the facility, the primary habitat on the ranch is up in grasslands followed by strub step, and there's also some organ wide oak present alonging along 1907. So again similar to the facility except for the very ranch, it's also within an ODD.

321 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Big game winter range overlay. So like our site, the the ranch.

322 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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There's also there's also what they were referring to as pwcas that run along the ranch making this HMA as mentioned by ODF and W a critical connector.

323 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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There for pwcas in the area. So at the ranch, we're proposing number a number of enhancement actions, including plantings. We're doing some we're proposing some organ white oak plantings. We control and fencing removal to provide ecological and biodiversity uplift at the ranch.

324 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So that's high ridge ranch, HMA did not meet all of our mitigation requirements for our site. So in addition to ranch, a lot of work went from our development team, our engineers in coordination with our landowners and ODF and W and we identified an additional 1600 and.

325 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So habitat within the facility HMA is predominantly shrub step with patches of e side grassland. So the facility HMA borders and Houser canyons, which are also mapped as those ODFNW pwcas. And in coordination with ODFNW, we modified a facility layout to set back from the.

326 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Those canyons that run along the north and east of that of the of the site that was that Kate was showing you before. And, with those setbacks it it's set back from the higher quality habitat that was identified there and it also set it back from those pwcas to facilitate wildlife movement in those adjacent canyons. And in fact.

327 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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These areas were referenced by Jeremy Thompson in his capacity as odfmw's energy coordinator during a presentation to you all in January. In fact, I think he showed a picture of our yellow Rosebus project, as an example of how they would like developers to use their data sets that they've been.

328 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Working so hard and developing and the early and often coordination with them to better site a project and to come up with mitigation strategies and avoidance strategies to make it a better site a project. So in these in the in our facility hmas similar to what we're doing at the ranch.

329 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We would propose to implement additional habitat enhancements, we control shrub plantings, that sort of thing. So we believe with these enhancements, the tiebridge RANCHMA and our facility HMA, we actually believe that there's a significant and a benefit to the wildlife habitat overall in washingt.

330 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:32:11.390 --> 01:32:32.180

So thank you very much for your time tonight and I think Jeff and I will be around for questions too. And it should arise. Can I ask you both just a really quick clarifying question? Okay, so for Jeff or I'm sorry, mr. Watson.

331 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:32:32.180 --> 01:32:47.370

Will be formal. On your comments related to Losco county community and contributions, local term, long term partnerships. Did you reference that in your written comments or was that just in your verbal comments?

332 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:32:47.370 --> 01:33:10.250

I don't think yeah I don't think we referenced that in our. Okay, ok. Was that already included on the record? Not to my knowledge, NO. Okay, ok. And then mr. Powers, would you say that your comments were an explanation of what's already on the record or were you offering new or additional.

333 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:33:10.250 --> 01:33:41.219

It's just a clarification of what's already on the record and I think we included some additional information in our response that you received yesterday. Okay. Because I think it outlines or it speaks to the .1 of the, the justifications for the exception minimization or it's it's escaping. I understand what you're saying. Okay ok and another clarifying point though like the reason why I wanted to speak.

334 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Specifically about the hmas that a lot of went work went into it, but I think what it does, it created this really exciting product after two years of working with the agencies and everybody involved in this project, not just development, our engineering, our landowners, a lot of work went in.

335 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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To it with ODF and W two and and I I just wanted to point out that you know that I I worked, it used to be called Permit Environmental Group. We recently changed it over to call, we're called I'm part of the land stewardship group and it really is kind of the ethos of how Savion develops projects.

336 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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All of us in the permitting environmental group are, we look at ourselves as land stewards. And I think it it translates to all of the savvyion development team. We really wanna build a good project that everybody can be proud of and I and I do feel like we are providing significant uplift in, in habitat quality.

337 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:34:40.009 --> 01:34:48.539

Be in Wasco County and I just wanted to highlight that. Yeah, thank you for the clarification. Any questions from council?

338 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:34:48.539 --> 01:35:08.539

This is more an observation, but I and staff can correct me, but I think this is one of the 1st mitigation plans we've seen that really looks at the connectivity areas and that's noteworthy and we're pleased to see that. So thank you.

339 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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That was a big emphasis point in all of our discussions with the Department official wildlife. I I think, I I don't, I don't know for sure, but I, that was one of the, it's a recently released data set, and they've been working really hard to come up with that data set to try to formulate what these important areas are.

340 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:35:28.169 --> 01:35:44.939

And when it was identified that our project was bordering those, those areas, we felt like it was a really important part of what we do to work with ODF and W to try to incorporate those areas into our project.

341 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:35:44.939 --> 01:36:00.509

Yeah, council member Devlin. This may seem a little bit of left field, but we've some projects where we've had some issues with compliance.

342 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:36:00.509 --> 01:36:18.779

And I was wondering about this project in the future in terms of if I look at the project area, I can see slight evidence near the project, not very much of anything that is irrigated. You can go a considerable distance and then there's a lot that is irrigated.

343 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:36:18.779 --> 01:36:36.989

During construction, you're gonna probably have a significant need for water. Do you have any, will you have any water rights on this site or are you going to have to transport water into the site? Yeah, I, I can speak to this. I I I think that.

344 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:36:36.989 --> 01:36:55.289

We have identified a number of options for water. There are not water and and I'm not, if my terminology on on you know water rights and stuff isn't perfect, so excuse me, but there aren't.

345 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:36:55.289 --> 01:37:15.289

Irrigation water rights on the land. However, the landowners do have the project landowners and surrounding landowners have water available to sell. So we have been talking with surrounding landowners of being ideally purchasing within the vicinity of the projects. We are aware of the issue.

346 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:37:15.289 --> 01:37:33.719

Issues with the current issues with the the either the water table or what is going on in Molpin and that that may or may not be a reliable source at the time of construction. I think a last resort would be to bring the water in from outside via trucks. I.

347 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:37:33.719 --> 01:37:51.209

Think that our goal is to try to, and we have identified a series of sources to try to purchase water within the vicinity vehicle project. I was just wondering because I when I look at the site and I looked at some of the areas here, obviously it had the land use classification it has.

348 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:37:51.209 --> 01:38:07.469

But it didn't look like it had been in any type of agriculture production of any significant level in recent years at least. Generally yes, that is that is that is correct. Okay.

349 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:38:07.469 --> 01:38:22.529

Thank you Madam. Thank you. Yep. Okay. Anyone else? Okay.

350 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:38:22.529 --> 01:38:42.529

Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you. Okay, next slide please Nancy. So before we open it up for members of the public, just again want to remind you this is not the last chance you have until 3 November. You can submit comments through our comment portal. You can email Kate, you can hand comments to her tonight, and then.

351 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:38:42.529 --> 01:39:00.989

No, you can provide testimony. Okay, so we need to determine if we're gonna establish time limits. Nancy, how many comment cards do we have? Two, ok, has anyone filled out a comment card but interested in submitting comments? So that's five.

352 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:39:00.989 --> 01:39:20.909

Five total, six, seven, ok. And then, for those on the Webex, can you please raise your, use the raise your hand feature if you're interested in commenting tonight? And for those on the phone, if you could please push star three.

353 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:39:20.909 --> 01:39:41.099

And then Nancy let me know what you see. Yeah. One.

354 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:39:41.099 --> 01:39:57.929

So that's nine. Secretary coordinate I was thinking if we had ten, we would have a time limit, but we only have nine people that are planning to comment. Do you want a 5 min time limit? Okay.

355 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:39:57.929 --> 01:40:17.929

Okay, so because we have about nine or ten people that are interested, we're gonna set a 5 min time limit, so I believe we can set a timer online so that you can see how much time you have. Sure. So I think we can go through them and then if people are limited in time, I think it's important to give everybody an opportunity. We can go around.

356 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:40:17.929 --> 01:40:35.339

We'll do a second round two. Okay. No, 5 min 5 min. Okay, 5 min we get through everybody and then, you know, if somebody didn't have a chance to finish, we can go back to them. Okay.

357 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:40:35.339 --> 01:40:57.439

So I don't have the comment card or do you have those? Okay, we're gonna start with individuals in the room and then we'll move to those on Webex and then those on the phone.

358 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:40:57.439 --> 01:41:14.549

Again, just as a reminder council can ask questions at any time. They will also have their own designated opportunity to provide comments that are offering the department direction or the applicant direction, and then the applicant will have an opportunity to respond should they choose to anything they hear tonight.

359 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:41:14.549 --> 01:41:33.299

5 min. Yep, can get those or do you want to read them? Okay, 1st up.

360 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:41:33.299 --> 01:41:50.189

It looks like Keila Carver? Kelia excuse me. And my name is Keleah Carber. I live at 914443 Hinton Road.

361 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:41:50.189 --> 01:42:08.249

Which is actually facing bake Hub and road. So I'm not quite a neighbor of the project, but kind of on the backside. So I guess So I guess my thoughts are one.

362 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:42:08.249 --> 01:42:23.669

Supposedly this project will be good for 40 years. I watched them build the one across the road. I watched them scrape everything off, level it

all out. Even if you decommission it, and I did look at the application, you guys have excellent writers.

363 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:42:23.669 --> 01:42:40.499

Whoever wrote it, they're brilliant, they're very good, but you can't put top soil back. And in an errored environment, I don't know, is it centuries, is it millennia? Before it rains enough for the grass to grow enough for it to come back? I don't think that is something.

364 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:42:40.499 --> 01:42:59.459

You know, it's not going away. It's just like the Egyptians, right? They built in a desert, it's still sitting there 5000 years later. So I think the remains of this project in this Arrot environment are going to be sitting there 5000 years later.

365 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:42:59.459 --> 01:43:19.199

Maybe the greater good it's worth it. I don't know. But I think that it's worth noting that it's not coming back. Also in this area, just like many of the other places these are cited, the 1st responders that are referenced in the application.

366 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:43:19.199 --> 01:43:35.459

Are volunteers. They are unpaid and they do, I I I can't comment on the ambulance. I think they're great. They save lives, they're full people, but I am more familiar with the people who are fighting fires, my husband, our employees.

367 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:43:35.459 --> 01:43:55.459

My brother in law, they have limited time for training. I like it when my husband comes home for dinner. He likes to spend time with his kids as to go to, you know, trainings on the weekends and learn more about complicated firefighting. And I think that in spite of the fact that the.

368 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:43:55.459 --> 01:44:22.109

Application claims that the fi the fire risk is not increased. You just had previously in the meeting, and I, if my understanding is correct, it's the one over by Arlington. They had another fire, and I know I had, they had one this summer, and the Avengrid one on the other side of Bacon Road Road had a fire this summer. So anytime you increase human activity, you increase fire risk.

369 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:44:22.109 --> 01:44:39.089

You just can't help it. I also think that the firefighting changes when you introduce all the junk, right? You know, I don't know what it's all made of, but there's gonna be plastic.

370 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:44:39.089 --> 01:44:56.549

There's going to be motors. There's gonna be stuff with heavy metals, there's gonna be chip boards and walking mechanisms, and all of the smoke from that is going to be a much different level of toxicity. This kind of stuff that urban firefighters deal with.

371 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:44:56.549 --> 01:45:14.489

And they wear specialized respiratory equipment to deal with that. And, you know, so then listing these people as our 1st responders who they're happy to go out and fight fire. They want to save their homes, their farmlands, their grazing land.

372 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:45:14.489 --> 01:45:30.689

But they don't necessarily have time to do 02:00 of training a year to deal with specialized things like lithium ion batteries. So that's another thought.

373 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:45:30.689 --> 01:45:48.629

The traffic, the comment about the traffic coming from 907I think to be patently false having watched the build on the last one, I would drive home from library group at about five to 05:30 p.m..

374 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:45:48.629 --> 01:46:03.899

And I would meet 100 cars coming this way down the curves of Bake oven road. They were mostly pretty respectful drivers except the ones that weren't.

375 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:46:03.899 --> 01:46:20.279

And, you know, there, I don't know, you know, I'm sure that people in other parts of the country need work too. I think it's great that all those people that showed up to do construction, but nobody local was hired.

376 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:46:20.279 --> 01:46:40.279

In particular. I I hesitate to say nobody, but it must have been vanishingly few because I certainly didn't know of anybody that was working on the project. It's also true that it just is going to be a blight on the landscape. You go up on top of.

377 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:46:40.279 --> 01:47:10.109

My place I walk up the hill, and you turn around and look back and it just looks like, you know, Lord of the wings rings. The black, the black, whatever fog, the mist, the land has been infected with it. You know, it looks like it's really dramatic when the sun hits Mounthod 1st thing in the morning and it hits the solar panels and now I'm done and I'll write the rest. Thank you so much.

378 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:47:10.109 --> 01:47:30.109

Maybe or maybe my husband will do the other half of the list. Okay, alrighty, thank you so much. Okay, next up is Daggo Aranda.

379 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:47:30.109 --> 01:47:48.479

Yeah evening council. My name is my office is at 17230 Northeast Sacramento Street in Portland and Oregon. Zip code is 97230.

380 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:47:48.479 --> 01:48:03.629

Again, good evening. I'm a system business manager at labor's local 07:37 and I'm proud to represent my union local 07:37 the Labor's International Union of North America.

381 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Joining me today are several of our members, men and women trained in the trades, the power organs infrastructure and clean energy future. We're here to voice our strong support for the yellow Rosebush solar project.

382 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:48:19.799 --> 01:48:36.359

Launa has been excuse me, Launa has deep routes in Oregon and across the pacific Northwest. Our union represents thousands of construction workers who build everything from roads, bridges, and renewable energy installations.

383 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We've been on the front lines of solar development for years, helping deliver safe, efficient and high quality projects that benefit at communities and the environment. The yellow Rosebush solar project is exactly the kind of initiative Organ needs. It aligns with the state's clean energy goals.

384 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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While creating, excuse me, real economic opportunities for working families. Solar projects like yellow Rosebush bring direct and lasting benefits to rural communities. La Una members many of whom live in Wascow County will be hired to build this project.

385 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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That means good paying jobs for local workers. During the construction crews will rely on nearby lodging, restaurants, gas stations, field supplies, injecting dollars into the local economy.

386 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Our members are trained in safety, deficiency, and environmental stewardship. They're ready to deliver this project long time and on

budget. This project isn't just about clean energy, it's about community investment, workforce development.

387 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And economic resilience. Laurena local 07:37 stands firmly behind the yellow of the Rosebush solar project. We urge the decision makers to approve it and help Oregon continue leading the way in renewable energy.

388 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Thank you for your time and consideration. Thank you, Misternda. Okay, next up, Carol Baity.

389 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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I'm Carol Bady. I happen to be the layer of this wonderful community. And I live at World Three L Rod Mopponin Oregon. What else did you want me to say? I forgot. That your good name and address is good. I only have one question.

390 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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If we have 400 workers come in, where are 400 workers going to be housed? Our population is 467. So I I want to know what kinds of plans are for the housing. I know when the other solar project was done, our RV.

391 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:51:09.439 --> 01:51:28.799

But so again I asked, what are we gonna put 400 workers? And I I want to complement.

392 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:51:28.799 --> 01:51:48.799

This board or council for your good work and your presentation. I've learned a lot listening to you and I can tell that you are committed to what you're doing and you want to do it right. And, thank you for doing that. But I would like to know where we're going to put 400 workers and their family.

393 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:51:48.799 --> 01:52:09.949

Please. Thank you. Thank you mayor Baby, and we'll give the applicant an opportunity to respond at the end. Okay. Okay, Ryan Shei.

394 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:52:09.949 --> 01:52:39.589

Hello, my name's Ryan Shee. I live in one oh seven Northeast Force Street Enterprise Oregon. I want to thank the council for giving me the opportunity to speak. I'm here tonight as a citizen of Oregon conservation of sorts and also a member of the executive board of Oregon solar and Industry Association. Although I'm not representing them tonight at the.

395 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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State that so you know that. I'm just here because I wanted to give my thoughts on this project. I think it might have a perspective that's a little bit different than some of the folks in the room. I've got food in many worlds. I grew up in will allow Oregon, which is the same size offins, so I understand the mayor's concerns.

396 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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I grew up on a cattle ranch and I did own a piece of dry land farm for a bit, went high school with dry land farmers, so I I understand some of the other perspectives of the person I even spoke. Growing up in that environment.

397 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Working outside, being in a family that was making a living off the land and then watching our county kind of die as some of the industries went away. I ended up leaving as well and after 20 year hits and the Marine Corps came back to that area.

398 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:53:32.549 --> 01:53:49.859

And struggled to find a job and that's a long way of and you probably don't want to hear all these details of my life, but I think it relates because at some point I ended up kind of falling backwards into development work and doing a few of my own solar projects and so I I feel like I have a.

399 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Pretty strong understanding of all the different aspects of this and I just want to say I'm in support of this project. I've looked at the Resa map. This is one of the least impactful areas in Oregon. You could build a project to the scale on the other side of the fence.

400 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:54:06.989 --> 01:54:25.139

We have a massive energy crisis coming. I've watched my power Bill go up by 51 % in the last four years and I think projects like this can help offset that. I think that there's a lot of good that can come out of this project and I believe that Savion will.

401 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:54:25.139 --> 01:54:45.139

Treat it in a way that follow through on what they're saying they're gonna do and treat the community with respect, but also build something that's aligned with Organ's goals, with us as citizens that offset some of the potential issues coming up in the future energy costs being one of them. One of the reasons I got into solar in the 1st places was the.

402 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:54:45.139 --> 01:55:09.919

Mag business decision. If you own a business and you watch your power costs go up, you solar is a great way to offset that. So I, I promote that where I can. We also work a lot on workforce development and I think this is a growing industry that my own nephew who's an electrician primarily works on my solar projects, so I'm as a family business owner, I'm not only saving.

403 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:55:09.919 --> 01:55:43.429

Money but I'm employing my family, and I think that can be true for a lot of people and I think Boscove County and this in this town will benefit from it like my town has with the projects that I've built. I also, want to say that for the project i've done a few ground mounted projects and I have security cameras or game cameras around them. And the 1st thing I do every morning when I get to work if I pull up those cameras and I look at all the wildlife that's gone through there. So I know they talk a lot about wildlife mitigation that's adjus.

404 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Listen to or connected to, but what I've seen, and this is why I said from a conservation perspective, every morning what I see is rodents, cats, birds, caudies, all kinds of game animals going through there.

405 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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It's not uncommon for deer to jump the fence into my project to drop their fongs in the spring and they it's like almost like a little bit of predator protection for them, their fence might be a little higher than the one we built, but it's not a zero sum game on the environmental aspect in that area. It's just.

406 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:56:20.659 --> 01:56:45.509

My personal observation of of what this project could be like. But also, you know, growing up with dryland farmers as my neighbors, and having a piece of it myself, you know, we, we farmed the government and it was never good farmland, never should have been farmlands, at least in the pieces I'm talking about and I've been to the bake oven site.

407 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:56:45.509 --> 01:57:05.509

That top cell just blows away every time you tell it and I think that instead of asking the American taxpayer to provide some means of support for local families here, this is a better farm or farming the sun, it's more productive and more beneficial in a lot of different ways and I think the environment's part of that so.

408 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:57:05.509 --> 01:57:27.149

So I still got 8 s left, so I'll wrap it up, but that's my opinion and and I think I've kind of seen it from all angles and and I hope everyone else can see that as well, but thank you for your time. Appreciate it. Thank you mr. Sheey. Next up Miss mr. Davis.

409 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:57:27.149 --> 01:57:54.139

Yeah, what? It's mount spiral. Oh, ok. I see the answer. In real life, so a lot of people say that, you know. It's actually abbreviation for Ireland. Okay yes, that's a different story. Anyway.

410 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:57:54.139 --> 01:58:15.649

My name is Mike Davis. My address is 82859 highway 216 in Thai Valley, ok? I am the owner along with my family of Thai Ridge Ranch LLC. Okay, and for those who looked at the map, whereas it borders 1907 to go up Buttler Canyon towards the Dallas.

411 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:58:15.649 --> 01:58:36.859

Everything to the right, ok? It's all part of the branch and it goes for about a little over 5000 acres of airtel acres. It's about 9 sq mi. It's been in the family a long time, my family home studied it in 1868 and was needed to them in 1871.

412 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:58:36.859 --> 01:59:09.289

I'm not that old. Trust me, but there's a lot of the Davis blood's been in the Thai Valley for a long time. I was born actually up on top of Thai Ridge in a wheat truck, believe it or not. My wife, my mother just couldn't quite wait for about an hour and a half to the down so maybe that's what's wrong with me, I don't know. So, so there's a long generation of being here. I was I was born here, I was raised here, I went to high school here, ok. So there's a lot of.

413 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:59:09.289 --> 01:59:31.079

A lot of those dirt in my blood, ok, NO matter where I want after and I won't bore you bore you with that. But I would like to do a couple things, and I'm keeping eye on the time, by the way. I'd like to express my support, sincere support for this solar project and this potential benefits to our community.

414 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:59:31.079 --> 01:59:51.079

Our community, yours and mine, ok? And by the way, yes, I have notes here, so I'm trying to shorten my sound so I keep Gavin and I can give this to you as well, ok? Our family's intention back in the seventies when things started to really change because they, the, the.

415 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

01:59:51.079 --> 02:00:14.189

Bills shut down and things were just in chaos. And so our intention when we looked in the seventies was that to really look at what we're doing with the property, ok, for long term, and what we really came up with is we wanted to be a good steward to our property because it's a lot of blood in that property and we want to be good stewards to it.

416 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:00:14.189 --> 02:00:34.189

Okay, we really wanted to get into conservation and do the practices and really my dad was a big believer in habitat, protection, protection of the deer and the elk that streams through there all the time, ok? So along with what happened, we were engaged in a lot of projects.

417 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:00:34.189 --> 02:00:53.759

Meaning for federal projects, CRP programs to programs, all sorts of things. And one of the things that we're involved with have been for a long time is to ODFW. Great people, by the way. Love ODFW. Love them, ok? Because they were really mindset.

418 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:00:53.759 --> 02:01:13.759

Where we were coming from, and that is to protect the habitat for the birds, the games, and all the all that stuff, ok? So we have a long relationship with ODFW, sprouting here and there. We even did some seeding for the wildlife, the burn that happened, we was doing some seeding projects for them.

419 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:01:13.759 --> 02:01:34.399

As well and for the ranches around this. So, my point here is the proposed project has a net benefit net benefit for the echological and the habitat conservation for Washville county. It's a net benefit here, guys. The project utilizes if we think about it, got a minute and a half.

420 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:01:34.399 --> 02:02:04.229

Utilizes existing infrastructure and sits next door to another solar company, which we know. It utilizes degraded and minimal production agricultural land that is also low in quality habitat. This project leads the main wild type habitat in migration corridors remember the math? The migration corridors. It was really sensitive. Thank you ODFW and thank you Savioline for doing that. I think that's a great, great plus there.

421 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:02:04.229 --> 02:02:23.459

Through the mitigation efforts, it's offset what minimal impact it really does have. Minimal impact, but this mitigation plan that they have, and you guys have read it, is substantial. So the mitigation with our ranch on Ty Ridge.

422 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:02:23.459 --> 02:02:41.639

Aligns with our conservation plan already. Aligns with it. It was a natural I mean, wouldn't say NO to that one, ok? Because it's our plans for the organ White oak, which is really dear to our hearts, certainly mine, in fact, the Butler Canyon, they tell me.

423 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:02:41.639 --> 02:03:01.639

That's just one of the longest single strands of organ Flago state. We gotta protect that, ok? Migration corridors from Muelder Elk, which is targeted by the ODFW. That's natural, right? This mitigation plan provides a general uplift of land and provides a much needed higher.

424 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:03:01.639 --> 02:03:23.159

Air quality habitat than what is being used for the project. Think about that one, ok? Savion, Savion will be one sentence, will be a positive addition to our community and the echological around us, ok? I am very supportive of this project and encourages you as the board.

425 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:03:23.159 --> 02:03:38.579

The responsible board to approve the project permit. Thank you. I'll shut up now. Thank you, mr. Davis. Would you like to have this? Yes, please. Windall Claudfeller?

426 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:03:38.579 --> 02:04:01.979

I guess I'm gonna excuse me for animals alone here maybe five years old, not real happy with having to speak tonight. Oh, thank you. 58650 Buckley road Grass Valley Oregon.

427 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:04:01.979 --> 02:04:21.539

I spent probably two days a week.

428 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:04:21.539 --> 02:04:37.769

During the summer in that canyon. I hope they protect it with their boundaries and their setbacks. One thing about mitigation I'd like to ask mr. Davis what's he getting paid for this?

429 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:04:37.769 --> 02:04:55.889

He didn't say that. It's substantial, so it's gonna look good for him. I think it ought to be closer to the project.

430 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:04:55.889 --> 02:05:13.769

As a fact, I have 1600 acres entered into a contract with Planera who's planning a project at around substation. I do question the four and a half mile line.

431 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:05:30.209 --> 02:05:47.789

My neck of the woods has the McNary line crossing this angle, the grizzly line going this way. Another four and a half miles of line isn't gonna make anybody happy.

432 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:05:47.789 --> 02:06:05.849

Okay Julie Carter mentioned fired too much about it until we had some of our meetings and insurance.

433 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:06:05.849 --> 02:06:25.849

To protect himself when he's liable through starting the fire next to one of these projects and you know they're gonna sue us. You can bet your bottom dollar, they're gonna sue the landowner if he accidentally starts the fire. So we need to get something like that worked into here that we have some protection.

434 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:06:25.849 --> 02:06:42.779

As far as the shepher power, I.

435 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:06:42.779 --> 02:06:58.529

I think it's gonna cost us more. You're gonna see that, aren't it?

436 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:06:58.529 --> 02:07:17.219

But still, that's a good point. It's out of the line now if we can't afford anymore, so trying to say it's cheaper, I don't agree. Anyway, I've rambled long enough. I get little up tight talking to.

437 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:07:17.219 --> 02:07:32.400

The panels that don't really live here, I can't really connect with you. I'm sorry if you are having a problem with it, but anyway speak from my heart. Thank you. Thank you so much.

438 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:07:32.400 --> 02:07:52.400

Thank you for being here. Mr. Dawn Phillips.

439 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:07:52.400 --> 02:07:59.970

Down Philips I live at nine oh eight oh six Wilson Road.

440 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:07:59.970 --> 02:08:15.870

I'm a landowner that's integral in this project. I want to apply a little bit of background and historical information specific to my property.

441 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:08:15.870 --> 02:08:33.900

I've owned the property for 36 years. This oil type is sandy loan. All land within the boundary of the branches as EL.

442 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:08:33.900 --> 02:08:53.850

And designated that way by the agriculture department and has remained in the conservation reserve program since I bought the property in 1989 until 2020I explored all alternatives and.

443 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:08:53.850 --> 02:09:11.340

Farming that property and it is not economically viable. Let farming on that property has a proven yield of 34 bush of vehicle compared to.

444 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:09:11.340 --> 02:09:27.210

I think their average is 55 or 60 voices. In 1990, the selling price of weeks was \$3.24 of butchhol positive reduction.

445 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:09:27.210 --> 02:09:43.470

\$4.50 a but today rise a week, \$5.04 a bushbooked up under the Chicago Ford of exchanger that's.

446 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:09:43.470 --> 02:10:03.470

In 2012, Organ Day University did a study and came up with a cost of production a week to be \$6.63 of pleasure.

447 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:10:05.550 --> 02:10:23.850

That was before we've had the inflation of the last few years, which has run as high as 9 %. Only six times in the 36 years that I've owned that property as a market price a week exceeded the unexpected.

448 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:10:23.850 --> 02:10:42.270

And five of those big years it was only marginal that's the economics of warming weed on that property it is marginal land the.

449 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:10:42.270 --> 02:11:00.570

Property, I run cattle on the property as a means of dental production. We've done all the extensive gracing, intensive gracing practices et cetera, that property 5000 acres.

450 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:11:00.570 --> 02:11:19.350

So consistently maintain about a hundred more units. So what I found over the years, if I go over that number, I lose weight gain. If I go under it, it increases.

451 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:11:19.350 --> 02:11:36.510

Still the real very somewhere around a hundred, 250 animals with cats and The reason she was to port.

452 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:11:36.510 --> 02:11:56.510

The Yellow roadmation interview standard and it does not have high value of the property where solar is temporary. It's not an exclusion of the property forever.

453 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:11:56.510 --> 02:12:14.550

From agriculture Lifespan expected to be plenty to 40 years at the termination of the project is alerted.

454 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:12:14.550 --> 02:12:29.790

Putting up the letter of credit, the solar infrastructure will be removed. This lail will be deconnected. This oil will be replanted and it'll be returned to ADFU.

455 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:12:29.790 --> 02:12:48.690

So this is a temporary use of the property that provides a lot of economic benefits that also. The economic benefits to the community, local county, and state.

456 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:12:48.690 --> 02:13:06.300

800 mW with renewable power supplied to the grid will provide not the omega. But we'll provide power for a hundred and 82000 pounds.

457 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:13:06.300 --> 02:13:21.960

Two to four years of well paying construction job per days, 20 to 40 years of maintenance jobs, property tags of age will increase by ten to 20 times.

458 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:13:21.960 --> 02:13:38.580

And all benefits of the income taxes will be paid on labor that workers at, he'll be paid on a province of material suppliers.

459 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:13:38.580 --> 02:13:56.490

He'll be paid on the profits of the contract bills and utility companies. He'll be paid when the utility company when they pass the yellow watts onto the consumer. Multiple levels of production to the.

460 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:13:56.490 --> 02:14:13.500

The reason study and it's like a few minutes reason study solar is going worldwide. They're doing lots and lots of studies on it now.

461 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:14:13.500 --> 02:14:30.870

The recent study reported soload panels create a microclimate by using the panel to create shade, or is the oil and air gapter, reduces evaporation.

462 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:14:30.870 --> 02:14:47.520

And retains soil moisture so that my group find it over the duration of this project will greatly enhance the soil. I'm expecting that that land is returned.

463 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:14:47.520 --> 02:15:07.050

But it will actually be improved by better agricultural sustainability that will be the end of today. Thank you so much mr. Phillips. Can we get a copy of your comments?

464 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:15:07.050 --> 02:15:24.300

You have a copy? Okay. Yes. Okay. Well, thank you so much. 30 s. My opinion is project like this should be an outright permitted use.

465 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:15:24.300 --> 02:15:42.690

Shouldn't have to go through all the steps of conditional use that yada yada yada. It provide significant benefits. Not only does it not take away any meaningful. It offers a replacement for CRP contracts.

466 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:15:42.690 --> 02:16:03.770

This use beats all the goals of what the RP was set up for. Thank you so much. Okay, is there anyone else in the room? We don't have any more com.

467 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:16:03.770 --> 02:16:11.430

Link cards, you do. Okay.

468 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:16:11.430 --> 02:16:27.210

Thank you sir. My name is Bob crying. I'm at 8981 big Coven Road. I'm also a landowner on the project. Working with Yellow Rosebush has been.

469 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:16:27.210 --> 02:16:43.890

Very, very good from the beginning. We also have another solar farm right across the road that's also on our place with another developer. It's just been, it's been a.

470 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:16:43.890 --> 02:17:03.780

An easier go from the beginning, and I'm looking forward to working with them. Part of what Don was saying is we're right across the fence, our ground sucks. I mean it's shallow soils, CRP, it's been a CRP for 30 years, hasn't been farmed. We've been.

471 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:17:03.780 --> 02:17:23.780

Going to the mailbox every October and we can't get her check right now, so it sucks. But yeah, it's I I think solar is a higher and better use for the ground. There's, hasn't been a lot of opposition to the previous solar farm that's sit situated across the road where this one's going.

472 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:17:23.780 --> 02:17:44.820

Hasn't been a lot of overall huge negative comments. I think they're this is a pretty good spot to site solar. There might be other spots in the county that maybe aren't so well suited and that's probably why there's a lot more negative comments. As far as the traffic and the fires and all those things, they're all.

473 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:17:44.820 --> 02:18:04.820

So far, the traffic was, you know, it was painful for a while, I think the sheriff's department handled it as good as they could, and I think that's something that's in the small towns anytime you see headlights you're annoyed with the person behind you. It's just the way it is. So any traffic increase.

474 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:18:04.820 --> 02:18:28.400

This is annoying and I'll be the 1st to admit it's we're gonna, you know, as it grows, it'll be a little painful during the construction process, but that'll go away pretty shortly and you know as far as the mayor is concerned about where's everybody gonna stay? I don't know where everybody stayed last time, but the restaurants were full, the stores opened up earlier. Everybody I'm not saying everybody was open arms at.

475 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:18:28.400 --> 02:18:48.710

People were here, but it got us through a couple more years and, you know, the difference between Mopping and Grass Valley are Mopping and some of these other dying towns. I'm not sure we have a beautiful river that goes through the middle of it, but I don't know that there's a lot of businesses in town that are like wow, we're really doing good. So I think any, anything in the.

476 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:18:48.710 --> 02:19:05.640

This small area helps for economic development and I believe just with some of the things they've done already with the donations to the school and and different things, I I think that'll be a benefit to the community down the road. Like I said, I think our.

477 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:19:05.640 --> 02:19:25.640

You know, farm, trying to go back and farm our ground is it there's nobody doing it. It's not gonna make any money. I mean we would have to go to \$12 and then I still don't know if anybody would do it, but it's pretty marginal ground, but I will not take up all my 5 min and we've been here a long time and it's a.

478 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:19:25.640 --> 02:19:57.050

Info process, but thank you guys very much for your time. Oh, you have fun. All right. I appreciate you but we're very much in support of the

project. Thank you Mr.. I appreciate it. Okay, last call in the room. Anyone else interested in providing public comment? Okay. Yes sir. I didn't prepare any paperworker number but my name is Mike Foreigher I live here in Molfin and.

479 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:19:57.050 --> 02:20:20.960

I'm sorry I didn't get your name. My name is Mike for Acrepen resident. Can I get your address for the record? I'm sorry. Oh, my address is 599 4th Street in Moppin. Okay, thank you. And my family has been, has been, I own some property up on Juniper Flatten and.

480 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:20:20.960 --> 02:20:42.380

And engaged in some negotiations with one of the solar projects, proposed solar projects up there. And then as part of those negotiations I had suggested at one point because I I'm a supporter of solar, but I also am mindful of the impacts that it can have on.

481 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:20:42.380 --> 02:21:02.380

Adjacent property owners and the area in general. I mean nobody frankly drives out here to see a solar farm. Classic classic old farm yes, but any case. Well, it's one of the things we have to sell. That's, that's that's, you know, one of the ways that we make our living here.

482 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:21:02.380 --> 02:21:24.470

The, the so the the aesthetics of these projects matter and we had a gentleman in here at the city council meeting and actually we had a county council meeting here last night as well and he spoke about how his property up my.

483 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:21:24.470 --> 02:21:43.710

Juniper Flat is going to be surrounded on three sides by solar panels and his property value is going to, you know, be fully expected to diminish significantly and I absolutely agree that's going to happen and the.

484 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:21:43.710 --> 02:22:03.710

I I think as a condition of approval for projects like this, there should be some consideration given to compensation for adversely impacted properties who lose folks who lose property value as a result of the, the pro.

485 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:22:03.710 --> 02:22:20.730

Project but I also, believe that there's there there are ways to, well there's at least one way to ameliorate some of that impact, which is to plant a vegetative screen around the perimeter of the project, at least in, in.

486 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:22:20.730 --> 02:22:40.730

Appropriate areas and this is this is not, I mean this is something that we do, you know, our app come to do in the context of forestry with, with, with logging where we leave.

487 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:22:40.730 --> 02:23:10.190

50 ft or a hundred and 50 ft I'm not sure what it is untouched, area along roadways. There are, in this area, in particular, there there's, there are a variety of juniper trees that, you know, are perfectly happy living here once they get established and will grow up to one in particular grows up to about 50.

488 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:23:10.190 --> 02:23:26.190

Feet tall and then stops. So it's not, you know, you can do this so it's not an issue in terms of shading the solar panels or anything like that and but it will, if they're planned, if their spacing is.

489 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:23:26.190 --> 02:23:46.190

Proper, it will, provide basically be a hedge and that, that, you know, if you're driving by, it's going to block your view and that's, I I think that's worth, the investment. I was in the contra.

490 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:23:46.190 --> 02:24:15.720

Rest of our negotiations on my my wife's family's property, I made that suggestion and was told that that was just too expensive by the contractor, but I, I did some rough calculations myself and I find that hard to believe. I I also think that if it's a matter of cash flow, because I understand there's a lot of money spent on these projects before they start to get any revenue, you can always wait until the project starts.

491 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:24:15.720 --> 02:24:35.720

Creating a, a revenue stream and then do the planning. So you're talking about projects that have at minimum of 20 year life and probably, you know, in many cases, 40 years or longer, the trees will grow to maturity in probably about ten years, so you you're sold.

492 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:24:35.720 --> 02:24:54.540

Having much of the problem if not, you know, if not the whole thing. So I, I would recommend that whi while we're while we're doing this, that we consider those, aesthetic impacts and the and the.

493 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:24:54.540 --> 02:25:14.310

And the consequences that they can have for, the value of adjacent properties. Thank you. Thank you very much. I got it. Yeah. Okay, do I one more last call or everyone in the room has.

494 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:25:14.310 --> 02:25:39.230

Spoken if they were interested. Okay, we're now gonna go to Webex. If you are on the Webex and would like to provide comment, can you raise your hand? Just one call in, ok? So Nancy, if you could unmute them, please state your name and address for the record.

495 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:25:39.230 --> 02:26:04.392

Oh it's it's me, right? This is Michelle Van Indy. I live in 8614. Dallas, Texas, our farm where I was raised from my mother lived is eight oh 691 old Weaponistra road. Hello? Hello. Yeah.

496 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:26:04.392 --> 02:26:07.810

Yes, you can continue. It can hear you?

497 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:26:07.810 --> 02:26:23.570

Okay, It's so it's hard for me to hear it. I have a general question why regarding the wildside. I thought minimization.

498 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:26:23.570 --> 02:26:39.180

We was more important than mitigation, but I thought that was part of the preferred standards organ standards, but it appears that only part of the land is being minimized and the rest is being mitigated over to.

499 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:26:39.180 --> 02:26:59.180

And I was questioning how long this information I did not see in the packet when the proposed draft order. How long is the lease? Is this guaranteed for a number of years? I'm hoping it's guaranteed for the life of the project, I would assume who pays, is it the taxpayers or the developer who's paying?

500 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:26:59.180 --> 02:27:20.520

And then how are the animals getting over there? I guess you're assuming they're going through these animal corridor corridors. Another question I had was on the financial information. The whole letter of credit worries me. I look at the today's rate.

501 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:27:20.520 --> 02:27:40.520

Of the cost side that was lined out earlier in today's proposal, tonight's proposal. And I've never heard of a project not being amortized out as far as future value of the costs, so I'm kind of curious why that's not done because we know a project that's handled today in today's dollars.

502 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:27:40.520 --> 02:28:03.450

Future value of a completely different dollar amount, 20 years out, 30 years out, correct? So I'm not sure that today's dollars will handle any

mitigation or or reclamation of the land in 2030 years. I also had some questions, I mean because I, you know, I worked in airline projects.

503 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:28:03.450 --> 02:28:23.450

On the financial side, so I've never ever seen that where we didn't look at when you're building a construction project, you always look at the cost benefit analysis, net present value, of course, future value cost dollars, all of that. I just was curious why that information's not included in the draft proposed order unless it's just not part of the organ standards and that matter.

504 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:28:23.450 --> 02:28:45.240

Might be. I just don't know enough about this to understand that. Another thing I had a question on was of water. I saw some letters that stated that there would be two water wells on property value various properties that were going to get construction exemptions. I also saw that there were going to be three.

505 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:28:45.240 --> 02:29:05.240

Various municipality or I guess one of the water dissuities water, moffin, and Wasco County or not, not Wasco county, the other county. But they I don't see anything that's actually lined out concreted.

506 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:29:05.240 --> 02:29:30.800

It just says we, you could just have to tell us whether or not you can or cannot allow water at some point to give us water. And so I was kind of confused why that was not more pinpointed at this point in the project. I would assume that you'd have that kind of really itemized at this point. I mean water's kind of important and I thought that at this point in the project that you'd have that pretty lined out and proof.

507 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:29:30.800 --> 02:29:55.370

Pretty detailed. So I was kind of confused why that was not handled. And once again, you know, I'm not new to this solar project here, these solar projects, so I'm trying to understand how oregon works and just just trying to understand how the process works and why the details are not more specified at this point in the project.

508 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:29:55.370 --> 02:30:07.107

So I would appreciate any answers whatsoever. I'm not trying to attack anyone. I just want I just have many many questions. Thank you.

509 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:30:07.107 --> 02:30:35.980

Thank you Michelle. So, you know, the format of this hearing is really that we're accepting comments and issues. It seems like most of your comments are questions and so I, if the applicant is able to respond, we will give them that opportunity, but I would also encourage you to reach

out to Kate. She's the lead analyst. I can we can get you her comment information. She can help you understand where information is within the draft proposed.

510 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:30:35.980 --> 02:30:55.473

Order and what type of issues are evaluated within our standards and within the order and the application. So she can, I would encourage you to work with her outside of this hearing format and then again, you know, you also have the applicant or can get access to the applicant's information as well.

511 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:30:55.473 --> 02:31:04.169

So I Yeah, so I have Is it Katie or Kathleen? I've reached out to Kathleen. She's been a plethora of information for me.

512 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:31:04.169 --> 02:31:10.252

Oh, ok. So you guys are already great Continue continue that path. Yes.

513 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:31:10.252 --> 02:31:24.031

Yes, but I I will have to put this into comments if I cannot get some appropriate answers, but that's why I'm asking the questions now rather than commenting later on. I'd rather just have an open conversation about it, you know? Yeah.

514 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:31:24.031 --> 02:31:26.464

I, I understand.

515 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:31:26.464 --> 02:31:28.008

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516 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:31:28.008 --> 02:31:30.748

You have until 3 November.

517 "Call-in User\_4 (972814\*\*\*\*)" (46358016)

02:31:30.748 --> 02:31:35.790

Yep. Okay.

518 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:31:35.790 --> 02:31:43.260

So Nancy, could you confirm if there's anyone else on Webex or on the phone with their hand raised?

519 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:31:43.260 --> 02:32:04.890

Yes. Okay, last call for Webex and on the phone for any individual that's interested in providing comment tonight. Give you 5 s. Okay, so.

520 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:32:04.890 --> 02:32:21.060

Now we're gonna open the floor for the council. If you have any specific comments on the application or the draft proposed order that you would like to provide on the record, whether the department or the applicant, now is your opportunity to do that.

521 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:32:21.060 --> 02:32:37.410

Yeah, take it away. Thank you, counselor Conden. I just wanted to, make mention of the fact that I appreciate both the applicant.

522 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:32:37.410 --> 02:32:53.760

And Savvyion in providing the attestation for the resources necessary to build the project on the front end. I think that is just really a crucial element for applicants that.

523 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Don't have much to show us in Savian's letter was pretty concrete or I take it as pretty concrete as saying we will provide the resources necessary to get this project done. So, thank you for.

524 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:33:09.510 --> 02:33:30.530

Working through that and certainly applying it including it in writing. Much appreciated. And then I just have a question. I realized there's flexibility in terms of the timing of the project starting construction and then completing construction.

525 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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But I I think it's important for people in the room, including me to Do you have a plan for when construction will begin on the project and given the number of projects that you talked about or Kate had talked about that are on the table, that Savvyion.

526 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Has relationships with the various companies I would guess, you know, how those compete for for being in the queue for development. So I think yeah.

527 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:34:10.320 --> 02:34:31.340

Oh, ok, everyone's ok. So you've got that one. Okay. All right. 1st, thank you to everybody.

528 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:34:31.340 --> 02:34:51.340

Who has joined us this evening. We really appreciate the local perspective. I know we kind of waltz in the town and then leave, but we take your comments to heart and knowing that the applicant is working with the community is good for us to hear, so we appreciate.

529 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:34:51.340 --> 02:35:19.460

Take that. I do want to ask staff to do a couple of things and follow up. We heard about traffic and I know there's a traffic agreement with Roscow county. But I did a little drive out back oven up to the top and then back down and with multiple cars, that would be dicey. So we.

530 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Whatever has been learned in the past, let's incorporate that in our conditions and make sure that Wasco County is comfortable with that because I think there are probably lessons learned and I know some people will go to 97, but many people will come down to 1907. Housing, we've dealt with housing on other projects, mostly I think in Moral County.

531 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:35:48.630 --> 02:36:08.630

And the county asked to, help put together a group that would help to flesh out some of the housing issues. So if you look at some of the decisions we've made probably within the last year helped me with this other council.

532 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:36:08.630 --> 02:36:37.250

Members, we we put in some conditions about housing because when that many people come to town, even for a short time, and I know your RV parks have done really well by that but but how how does the community as a whole address housing? And then the 3rd issue is sort of a inside baseball issue. Last month we had a briefing on.

533 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And how the council delegates authority to department staff to help review some of these final projects. So you heard about the habitat mitigation plan, which is being finalized kind of as we speak, and that's not.

534 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Something that needs to come back to the full council, we want Department of Energy staff in consultation with Department official wildlife to work out any of the final issues, not even issues, but the final documentation. That doesn't have to come back to council, but we want to make explicit.

535 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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In our decisions where we're delegating to Department of Energy staff, and I'm happy to do a follow up with staff to highlight the things I've seen that I think we just need to be explicit where we're saying, ok, department, we have enough.

536 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:37:42.440 --> 02:38:04.324

Evidence on the record for you to do the final review. So we just ask that when we come back with the next order that that language is specified. So thanks for your patience on that. And again, thank you all for showing up tonight.

537 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)  
02:38:04.324 --> 02:38:11.144  
Sorry. Go ahead.

538 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
02:38:11.144 --> 02:38:15.050  
Yes counselor gray off.

539 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)  
02:38:15.050 --> 02:38:40.940  
Okay, thank you. I just wanna say thank you to everybody who did show up and I would like to just emphasize two things. One, concerned about fire and the locals who actually volunteer. In my line of work, the people that I'm responsible for often are.

540 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)  
02:38:40.940 --> 02:39:12.890  
The 1st responders to go restore power, which means nothing's gonna happen in most cases until that occurs. They leave their homes, they leave their families, they leave their whatever side businesses they have to do their jobs, and I hope that the developer heard the the commitment to the community, but the concern for themselves on how do we do both. So I would just strongly encourage them to find additional reso.

541 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)  
02:39:12.890 --> 02:39:36.830  
Resources and support to help mitigate those issues. I'd also like to comment on lake local labor. I understand very clearly that we have specialized people who often go from project to project, but when you talk about people needing places to live, when you talk about the communities, I hope that you make a concerted.

542 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)  
02:39:36.830 --> 02:39:54.300  
Effort to look at how you utilize some of the local talent. It always strikes me as odd when you hear about somebody traveling states away to do the same work that's happening in their backyard. I'm well versed in how that happens and why, but again, I would just encourage.

543 "Marcy Grail" (675521536)  
02:39:54.300 --> 02:40:16.646  
Whether it's something that you deal with the schools and help people learn about construction or on an actual jobs. These are very difficult things. There's pros and cons to everything and I'd just like to tell staff, as always, you've done a wonderful job preparing us with information to make decisions. Thank you. Thank you.

544 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)  
02:40:16.646 --> 02:40:31.080

Thank you, council member Grail. Council member Devlin, please? Thank you. I just wanted to put a couple of items on the record. One, I think the council here.

545 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Is governed by obviously the US and state constitutions and state law and the regulations that have been developed. I once served in a capacity for a very long time where I was in the capacity of determining what those statutes would be.

546 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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But I'm NO longer in that capacity. I am here to basically administer the statutes that have been given to us in administrative rules that have been given to us. And that's the limits of our authority. Sometimes we feel like there are things that we should be considering, but if they're not one of our criteria, they're not part.

547 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Of our examination of a project. However, sometimes I think one of the most important things with projects regardless of what type of projects they are, is relationships with the community in which they're being located or in which they're adjacent to.

548 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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I took very strongly the mayor's comments about the issues around housing and traffic and I don't know about the traffic one that's a little bit difficult to me. But I do think it would help and I'm not expecting a 32nd response from the developer of the project. I would prefer to have actually a response.

549 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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This was some of the things this evening in writing I think that's a better medium for doing this about how they.

550 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:41:53.580 --> 02:42:09.840

I think that they'll be able to meet the housing requirements for these workers during that period. I mean, there maybe some creative solutions, but when I think about it, the, the mayor, you know, she, she's a mayor of a city with about 440 450 residents.

551 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:42:09.840 --> 02:42:26.550

With less than 200 households, these are bigger cities by oregon standards, but they're not cities, which just point the little extra housing. I think Madress is about 50 plus miles south of here.

552 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And, the Dell's is 40 mi plus north little bit different from north. It's not not going to be an easy thing, really, but I would appreciate to just hear some comments. It may not be one of our criterias that we can decide on a project.

553 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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But I do think it's important for these projects to maintain good relationships with the local community, not just during the project but obviously during the duration of their operation. And I do think there are gonna be some issues here that arise.

554 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:43:04.650 --> 02:43:19.890

Okay, thank you. Any other council members have comments? Okay, would the applicant like to respond to any of the comments received from members of the public or council? Okay, thank you mr. Watson.

555 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So, to Councilman Depulan's point, I think that we're going to try and to try to respond to these in writing because it's just going to be a bit more thorough that way. The other thing I will say is that.

556 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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To speak to Councilwoman Conden's point is that, you know, let's let me, I guess let me talk about or I'll I'll say this with how we're envisioning construction timelines and project timelines, which I will get to in, in a moment, it's not everything.

557 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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That we have here in our, in our permanent application is, is complete. A lot of these things will need to be completed before construction. There will need to be further development to, to find out exactly to the T how we deal with things like traffic plan, how we deal with housing, particularly how we deal about fire. All of these things are things that, that our team are working.

558 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Working on on a weekly basis, so I won't have all the answers for you today, but I can tell you that these are things we are working on and, and that, you know, what you're seeing here is, is just, you know, sort of a start of building that plan. So I'll try to kind of go one by one and if I forget anything, we will, we will definitely respond.

559 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:44:47.940 --> 02:45:07.940

With written comments, so I'll respond to the, the timeline 1st and I I wish I had better information with that. That will fully depend on how Bonnaville Power processes its queue. They, I don't need to go into the

backstory here. I think everyone's aware they are, they're seeing a lot of delays in how they're.

560 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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How they are able to process their queue. We are expecting to get our 1st round of interconnection studies 1st of three studies before we sign an LGIA. Hopefully in January, that date has already been delayed one year.

561 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And they could delay it further, we don't have good. There's not a lot of visibility into their process. So when this project begins construction, we'll very much depend on how Bonoville can move through their queue. If I had to put in, if I had to put an idea out there as to like what we would, we would hope, what we're expecting given what we're seeing at.

562 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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I think the earliest we would see start of construction is 2028. It's probably more likely 2029. All of this is very much up in the air based on.

563 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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How Bonabelle can move through its process. So I wish I had more information. A lot of that is unfortunately out of our control. Out of anybody in this room, anyone in this room does not have control over that. I wish we had more, but we don't. So.

564 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Would that answer your question around timeline, was there something else that yes, it did. So, but I am curious how do other projects compete with it, understand like one thing. Yeah. Get to make.

565 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:46:27.120 --> 02:46:43.410

Like projects in our portfolio in your portfolio or here impacted by we actually have our vice president of development here. I think he would be best served to answer that question. There you go.

566 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:46:43.410 --> 02:47:03.410

Hi Travis Narra I'm head of development, that's Avian. So to answer that question, we allocate capital, you know, based on which projects are ready and what will get the highest returns and the one thing we just don't have in this industry is control over any timeline. We call it a solar coaster.

567 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Because we've been through in the past.

568 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Five years COVID, supply chain disruptions, tariffs, more tariffs, and now, you know, federal essentially shut down of assessments on these projects. So, so predicting a timeline is next impossible. We do our best. What we.

569 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Have to have that to make any project work is the land, the permit, which is why we're here, a power purchase off take agreement and then interconnection. And in an ideal world, those all come together at the same time, and it never happens.

570 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So we try to line them up to the degree we can. Right because without a project you've got nothing. So there are there's a need for power, I think everybody knows that.

571 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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But, you know, think of any off taker. They're, they're going to want to know that you can permit the project, that you can build the project, right? So this is a step towards that. We think there will be plenty of demand once that's ready and then the longest tent and.

572 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:48:18.150 --> 02:48:35.100

Here we go. Get that right, clearly out here is BPA and and when can we get online? So, when we allocate capital, you know, there could be two or three projects that get ready about the same time you know shell.

573 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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One nice thing with working for Shell is they're they have a very large balance sheet, and they also we also have capital partners. We've completed some rounds with a company called Aries recently. So our ability is there once the project has, has those returns. Occasionally, we find other.

574 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Companies that are more ready to build it and, you know, we buy and sell projects from each other and it just, that is more functions of whose capital's ready at the right time. But, yeah, so the so we do look at it from a portfolio view and you know when is a project ready?

575 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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You know, we've got projects in Texas that can be ready in two years. It's just a totally different permitting environment. They have their own interconnection system that has its pros and cons that we won't get into, but it, it, you just never know, right? So.

576 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:49:24.840 --> 02:49:40.620

Here it's it's just a longer cycle, but once it's ready, we think that there will be plenty of chances to get off take and it'll be a very economic project, you know, 800 mW is a huge win if we can get it built, so.

577 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:49:40.620 --> 02:49:58.140

Thank you. Thank you. All right, thanks. Thanks Travis. I will answer some of the questions that were brought up. There was a question on the phone about water. At this stage, based on.

578 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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The, and I thought that, you know, talking about timelines was important to answer all the subsequent questions. At this stage, it was important and required of us in the process to show feasibility of water procurement, which we we did. We show that we could feasibly from multiple different sources.

579 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Acquire the amount of water that was, that was expected to be needed for a project in this area of this size for, by our engineering team and, and, you know, other experts on that. It's too early for us to have contracts for that water at this stage, but we have shown the ability to secure contracts. The contracts for the amount of water.

580 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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We need from multiple different sources. So at that stage, that's the information we can provide at this point and we feel like we did that adequately.

581 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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And just to mention, when anything is settled on, it will be fully permitted and be up to council standards according to our project permit. So that was about water. So I wanted to speak to, you know.

582 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:51:04.230 --> 02:51:24.230

Traffic housing and fire safety. You know, these these these items are particularly for traffic and housing, they are are things that were brought up to us by the planning department very early on is that we're concerns for this community.

583 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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That were issues with past projects. We got a lot of feedback to our traffic plan to avoid.

584 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:51:33.930 --> 02:51:52.590

Like critical roads through Moppinn, particularly that bridge in the choke point over there with, you know, large trucks with, you know, the equipment being moved that way. So we, you know, utilized the information we have from previous projects to the best of our ability.

585 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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As far as housing and fire go, I would say those are two areas that are very much still in progress and we are very much still working on and learning as to what we can do. From a housing perspective, one thing that I have, you know, one idea we have that we're working on is I've engaged with councilmen Scott Peggy I think is how you pronounce.

586 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:52:12.590 --> 02:52:32.590

His last name I always have trouble with it. He has an idea of wanting to be able to house people on site with RVs, that's actually currently not allowed in Oregon. He is working on a bill that would potentially move that forward. So there are a lot of ideas or initiatives out there that can help us solve this problem.

587 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Problem, we know it's an issue, we don't have the answer right now. We do know where there were pain points in past projects. I will say that we have some time to solve this problem, given what I said about BPA. So we know this is an issue, there are certain ideas that we are.

588 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:52:51.990 --> 02:53:11.990

Looking into further to see if it's something that we can actually utilize, and there are other ideas that, that we have as well. So not all the answers are there yet. Moving to to fire safety, this is, we know, I I would say, you know, it's hard to say what is up most important, but.

589 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Given the climate.

590 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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What we've seen at other projects nearby, things we've heard from the community, this is, is a very, very important issue and we're taking very seriously. We have a fire management plan. I would say that, you know, you know, Chris and I on our permitting team, this is something we're having calls on weekly. We are trying to understand what it means to build a project and hear what it means to have in.

591 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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A a proper, not only, you know, what are the necessary prevention methods, how do we best respond? How do we best prepare the authorities that are involved in working with this? We don't have all the answers yet. This is

something that we're, we're really working on and something that we realize is really, really important.

592 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Important in this area in this climate. So I guess particularly to those last two items I would just say we we understand, we hear how important these items are, and we are going to continue working to create the best in practice, sort of plans or responses to to each one of these issues.

593 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:54:18.090 --> 02:54:36.630

So there were, am I missing any other questions? I think there was, I think that that covers most of the questions and like I said, we will, you know.

594 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:54:36.630 --> 02:54:56.630

We will, it's always good for us to follow up and written comment because then we can, you know, discuss this as a team and be very detailed in our response. But I think I will leave it there in terms of which questions I respond to unless anyone points out something I forgot. Okay, so mr. Watson and Savian.

595 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Teams so I believe the department will have the ability to get you the Webex recordings so that you'll have access to the audio of this evening's comments, and we can get you a Webex.

596 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Transcript but it's a little messy. It would take a little bit more time to get you a better looking transcript. So that gives you given those limitations about eleven days to 3 November to respond. Do you think that that's adequate or would you like to request that council extend that time frame?

597 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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You're ok with the timeline? We think that's an adequate timeline yes. Well, yeah, you have until 3 November to respond. If comments come in on 3 November.

598 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Then you'd be limited. If you request to extend it, it would only apply to you and it would give you the ability to respond to comments that come in between now and the 3rd that you're not aware of.

599 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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So, yeah, we should extend it. Yeah, I think we'd like to extend just in case we get comments within the last day or two, so we have had a quick time to respond. Okay, so one day or a week at this.

600 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:56:18.150 --> 02:56:35.100

Three day three the comment period or the comment yeah let's let's let's look at right yeah can we can we do a work of business yeah at 05:00 P.M. Friday.

601 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:56:35.100 --> 02:56:50.760

Okay, so does council need to take a motion to extend it? Okay. So council, do you agree to extend the record for the applicant to respond to comments until 7 November? Okay, that appears to be granted. Yes, go ahead.

602 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:56:50.760 --> 02:57:10.760

Just a question. Will the audio of this meeting be available sooner than the transcript just in case you wanted to listen to this hear hearing tomorrow? Yeah, but before I mean so it's if it's gonna be the transcript is gonna be not in good shape. Well, the Webex transcripts we can get you with the recording.

603 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:57:10.760 --> 02:57:17.520

Being tomorrow. If you wanted something that was, had been proof red, that would take a little bit more.

604 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

02:57:17.520 --> 02:57:37.520

Sorry. Yeah, recording's fine. Okay. Okay, so with that, again, we'll accept comments through the comment portal portal by email or hand delivery tonight.

605 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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It is now 08:42. Thank you for the marathon. 842pM. On 23 October 2025, the public hearing portion of the comment period on the draft proposed order on the application for site certificate for the yellow Rosebush Energy Center has concluded.

606 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Now the time is 08:43 and the 23 October 24th 2025 meeting of the energy facility. Siding council is now recessed until tomorrow morning at 08:30 A.M..

607 "Energy Siting" (3627597312)

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Thank you. Thanks for your participation.