

**OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MAPPING TOOL SUBCOMMITTEE**

September 18, 2023

9:30 a.m. (note: this is a working meeting so no public testimony will be accepted)

Virtual Public Meeting Agenda

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9:30 a.m.	Item 1:	Call to Order – Chair Joel Iboa
9:35 a.m.	Item 2:	EJ Mapping Tool Design Principles Discussion – EJC Coordinator Briefing: The Council will not be asked to take action on this item
10:00 a.m.	Item 3:	Listening Session Planning Discussion – EJC Coordinator Briefing: The Council will not be asked to take action on this item
10:30 a.m.	Item 4:	Mapping Tool Use Cases and Users Discussion – EJ Mapping Project Manager Briefing: The Council will not be asked to take action on this item
11:00 a.m.	Item 5:	Council Adjourn – Chair Joel Iboa

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The public portion of the Board meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and proceed chronologically through the agenda. Times listed on the agenda are approximate. At the discretion of the chair, the time and order of agenda items—including addition of intermittent breaks—may change to maintain meeting flow.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None will be accepted for this meeting as it is a working meeting to discuss priorities of the Environmental Justice Council. Future meetings will allow opportunities for public testimony.

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Staff Report and Memorandum

To: Chair and Members of the Environmental Justice Council
From: Hoang-Van Nguyen, Environmental Justice Council Coordinator
Date: September 13, 2023

Regarding: Agenda Item 2 – Design Principles

The Council will be not taking action on this item.

Design Principles can help the Council to conceptualize how to determine the intent of the environmental justice mapping tool. This agenda item will allow the Council to opine potential design principles that the Council can adopt during the next Environmental Justice Council meeting on October 17, 2023.

The table below illustrates potential design principles the Council may adopt.

What will the tool do?	How will we accomplish this?
We will create a tool that identifies impacts of environmental burdens	The Environmental Justice Council will lead listening sessions throughout Oregon to meet Oregon environmental justice communities. State agencies will collect and provide information on environmental burdens.
We will create a tool that will be useful to multiple types of users	The Council will decide the primary and secondary users of the tool and the mapping team will facilitate focus groups with the primary and secondary users to determine their needs.
We will create a tool that can be refined and enhanced in the future	The Council and the mapping team will learn and iterate as the project progresses. The mapping team will create robust documentation for the Council, users, future developers, the public, and all other stakeholders.
We will create a tool that the general public can understand	The Council will consult with the mapping team to ensure the mapping tool is understandable for the general public. The listening sessions and focus groups will also serve as venues for the mapping team to assess how well the tool is understood and beneficial/harmful.
We will create a tool that can empower vulnerable communities	The Environmental Justice Council will determine the policy decisions for the development of the tool.
We will create a tool that state and local governments can use to determine environmental justice considerations	The mapping tool team will consult with state and local governments to identify what is needed to determine environmental justice considerations and elevate the needs to the Council so they can decide best practices for determining environmental justice considerations.

Proposed Council Action: None

Staff Report and Memorandum

To: Chair and Members of the Environmental Justice Council
From: Hoang-Van Nguyen, Environmental Justice Council Coordinator
Date: September 13, 2023

Regarding: Agenda Item 3 – Listening Sessions

The Council will not take action on this item.

The Council decided to host six listening sessions in 2024 for the environmental justice mapping tool, with the option to schedule additional listening sessions. This agenda item will identify potential locations for the six listening sessions and the timeframe in which they may be scheduled. These ideally will be scheduled around the 2024 Environmental Justice Council meetings which will be every 2nd Thursday of every even month.

These are potential locations for listening sessions.

Location	Location 2	County	Region
Prineville, Oregon		Crook	Central
Bend, Oregon	Redmond	Deschutes	Central
Coos Bay, Oregon		Coos	Central Coast
Burns, Oregon		Harney	Central Eastern
Ontario, Oregon		Malheur	Central Eastern
The Dalles, Oregon		Wasco	North
Odell, Oregon		Hood River	North
Astoria, Oregon		Clatsop	North Coast
Tillamook, Oregon		Tillamook	North Coast
Baker City, Oregon		Baker	North Eastern
Pendleton, Oregon	Hermiston	Umatilla	North Eastern
La Grande, Oregon		Union	North Eastern
Portland, Oregon		Multnomah	Portland
Klamath Falls, Oregon		Klamath	South
Medford, Oregon		Jackson	South
Brookings, Oregon		Curry	South Coast
Eugene, Oregon	Springfield	Lane	Southern Willamette
McMinnville	Newberg	Yamhill	Willamette
Corvallis, Oregon	Philomath	Benton	Willamette
Salem, Oregon		Marion	Willamette

The Council also can provide insight into the issues identified during the previous listening sessions hosted the Environmental Justice Task Force between 2017 and 2019.

Proposed Council Action: None

Staff Report and Memorandum

To: Chair and Members of the Environmental Justice Council
From: Rachel Saltzman, EJ Mapping Tool Project Manager
Date: September 13, 2023

Regarding: Agenda Item 4 – Use Cases and Users

The Council will not take action on this item.

When developing new tools, identifying probable use cases and primary and secondary users is important to ensure that the tool is useful for intended audiences. This agenda item will provide the Council the opportunity to opine on potential use cases and users they can anticipate would use the environmental justice mapping tool. The mapping team will document these use cases for future reference and understanding. This exercise can assist the Council in determining the overarching intent for the mapping tool.

HB 4077 (Section 14.2) outlines the following potential uses of the tool by state agencies:

- Identifying environmental justice communities affected by agency programs;
- Conducting outreach and engagement with environmental justice communities to inform agency policies;
- Establishing measurable goals for reducing environmental health disparities within agency programs;
- Prioritizing agency funding to help address identified impacts on environmental justice communities.

The table below illustrates potential use cases, including examples from other state environmental justice mapping tools.

Use Case	Examples
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>CalEnviroScreen</u>: CalEPA designated the top 25% of census tracts in CalEnviroScreen as disadvantaged communities for the purpose of investing cap-and-trade proceeds (SB 535)• <u>California HPI</u>: Public health leaders used the HPI tool to direct resources to communities experiencing the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19• <u>Washington EHD Map</u>: The Climate Commitment Act uses the EHD map to identify overburdened communities to receive at least 35% of the investments in clean energy transition, clean transportation, and climate resiliency projects
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>CalEnviroScreen</u>: CalEPA enhances existing environmental justice efforts related to compliance and enforcement initiatives in disproportionately impacted areas identified using CalEnviroScreen• <u>Washington EHD Map</u>: The Healthy Environmental for All (HEAL) Act recommends state agencies use the EHD map to conduct

	environmental justice assessments for decisions that impact overburdened communities and vulnerable populations
Other Potential Use Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocacy/ community awareness• Research/ education

Proposed Council Action: None