Climate Discussion with Oregon’s Environmental Justice Task Force

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Climate Change Adaptation Framework
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Governor Brown’s Executive Order 20-04

Oregon must take action with a sense of urgency.
Updates greenhouse gas reduction goals for Oregon

- 45% reduction from 1990 baseline by 2035
- 80% reduction from 1990 baseline by 2050

Three Main Areas of Focus for DLCD

Section 3: Report on current / proposed actions (Exhibit G) and Interagency Workgroup on Climate Impacts on Impacted Communities – incl Adaptation

Section 9: Four agency directive to implement the Statewide Transportation Strategy – incl Every Mile Counts

Section 12: Support Oregon Global Warming Comm. work on carbon sequestration (farm, forest, estuaries)

All with an equity-oriented focus on historically marginalized or particularly impacted community members
Equity

State of Oregon’s definition of equity, Equity Framework (June 2020):

*Equity acknowledges that not all people, or all communities, are starting from the same place due to historic and current systems of oppression. Equity is the effort to provide different levels of support based on an individual’s or group’s needs in order to achieve fairness in outcomes. Equity actionably empowers communities most impacted by systemic oppression and requires the redistribution of resources, power, and opportunity to those communities.*

• DLCD including equity as a core consideration within all climate actions

• Interagency Workgroup on Climate Impacts to Impacted Communities (EO 20-04, Section 3E)
Every Mile Counts

Four Agency Work on Statewide Transportation Strategy (EO Section 9)

- Two-year plan - collaborative effort to reduce emissions
- Goal to get state back on track with STS Vision
- Identifies initial objectives and priority actions
- Final work plan submitted to Governor June 30th
- Four Agency Memorandum of Understanding
- DLCD Several Actions Incl Rulemaking
Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities Rulemaking

- Update of State’s rules about how our communities equitably coordinate transportation, climate and housing planning (OAR Divisions 12, 44, 7 and 8)
Proposed Outcomes
Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Rulemaking

• Respond with urgency
• Meet climate pollution targets
• Support affordable, healthy living
• Increase capacity to respond
• Ensure impacted communities are consulted and help shape policies, programs, and grant criteria
• Develop metrics for equitable outcomes
Perspectives – Rules Advisory Committee

- Elected and appointed local leaders
- Staff, transit, local governments
- Community-based organizations
- Equitable urban development
- Public health
- Housing and transportation, mobility disadvantaged
- Affordable housing, houseless
- Environmental justice
- Best practice experts/academia
Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities Rulemaking

• Question 1: Other, adjusted outcomes?
• Question 2: Other perspectives?
• Question 3: Measurement (Metro, SHIP)
Climate Change Adaptation Framework

Strategies organized around 6 themes.

Vision:
Oregon’s people and ecosystems thrive in the face of a changing climate.
Five Core Actions

Necessary to achieve a long-term program of climate change adaptation

- Leadership
- Equity
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Collaboration
- Mainstream
Climate equity considerations run through the entire Framework

**Climate Equity Blueprint**
- Product of the Climate Change Adaptation Equity sub-work group
- Funded by Oregon Health Authority & Dept. of Forestry
- Takes off from EJ Task Force “Best Practices Handbook”

**Governor's EO 20-04 Interagency Workgroup on Climate Impacts on Impacted Communities**
- DLCD will participate on Workgroup
- First meeting 7/30

**DLCD DEI Committee**
- Climate Resilience Coordinator in conversation with DEI Committee
What is the Equity Blueprint?

When complete, the Equity Blueprint will be incorporated into the Framework.

Guidance and best practices for Oregon State agencies to center equity in climate planning and action, including sections on:

- Systemic barriers to achieving climate equity
- Definitions
- Steps for identifying communities most impacted by climate change
- Methods for meaningfully engaging with impacted communities
- How to embed equity into the design of programs
- Ways to create more accountability
Save the Date

WHAT: A virtual meeting hosted by OHA and members of the Interagency Climate Equity Workgroup, presenting a preview of the Blueprint and an opportunity to provide early review.

WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 15, Noon-1pm

WHO: Members of EJTF & the new Interagency Workgroup on Impacted Communities

HOW: A Registration Link will be sent in the next week with more details
Vulnerability Assessment

Who, what, and where are most affected by climate change?
Why they are vulnerable?

- This analysis is completed for each climate driver within each theme
- Then look for interconnections and feedback loops

Next Steps
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Interest Group Review
• August – October
• Targeted Outreach
• Special focus on those we rarely hear from

Publication
• Expected December 2020
• Database of potential actions in support of strategies to be published online
Outreach Strategy

Online Survey
- Open ended questions on climate priorities
- Quantifiable questions on level of concern
- Includes demographic questions

Webinar Series
- September 11, 2020: Coastal Focus
- September 25, 2020: Rural Focus
- September 29, 2020: Urban Focus
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Question 1: Have we overlooked anything major in the six themes?

Question 2: As we organize webinars, are there affected communities we should be sure to include?
Thank You!