

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

April 11, 2024
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Public Meeting Agenda

This public meeting will be conducted in person at 500 Airport Rd SE, Salem, OR 97381, Suite C. Attendees may also join virtually on Zoom Webinar by registering using the link below. Written testimony can be submitted in advance, to van.nguyen@deq.oregon.gov. Written comments received will be distributed to the Council.

Register in Advance to Participate Virtually

https://deq-oregon-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FrL9UisITi2WVznT4zpfDQ

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9:30 a.m.	Item 1:	Call to Order – Chair Quinn Read
9:40 a.m.	Item 2:	EJC Leadership Updates – Chair Read and Vice Chair Valentin Sanchez Briefing
10:00 a.m.	Item 3:	EJC In Person Meetings & Listening Session Considerations – Staff Council Discussion
10:30 a.m.	Item 4:	EJ Mapping Tool Decision Points Introduction – Staff Council Discussion
11:30 a.m.	Item 5:	Lunch Break
12:00 p.m.	Item 6:	LUBGWMA CBO Panel
1:00 p.m.	Item 7:	Public Comment
1:20 p.m.	Item 8:	Public Comment: EJC Discussion
1:30 p.m.	Item 9:	Council Adjourn

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The public portion of the Council 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. This meeting will be recorded by audio, and the recording will be posted on the Environmental Justice Council website shortly after the meeting.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. the evening prior to the meeting by emailing van.nguyen@deq.oregon.gov and indicate your comments as EJC Testimony with the meeting date on the subject line. Other testimony will be received during the public comment portion of the meeting.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF DISABILITIES

Please contact us at least three business days prior to the meeting to let us know if you need reasonable accommodation. Contact the Environmental Justice Coordinator Hoang-Van Nguyen at van.nguyen@deq.oregon.gov to make your request.

Staff Memorandum

To: Chair and Members of the Environmental Justice Council
From: Environmental Justice Council & Policy Coordinator Hoang-Van Nguyen
Date: April 4, 2024

Regarding: Agenda Item 3 – EJC In Person Meetings & Listening Session Considerations

Council action is requested on this agenda item.

Action Requested: Discuss and identify 3 regions based on Oregon Regional Solutions framework for three in person meetings in coastal, remote, and rural areas.

Valley North Coast

- North Coast Region
- Mid-Valley Region
- South Valley/Mid Coast Region

Southern Oregon

- South Coast Region
- Southern Oregon Region

Metro

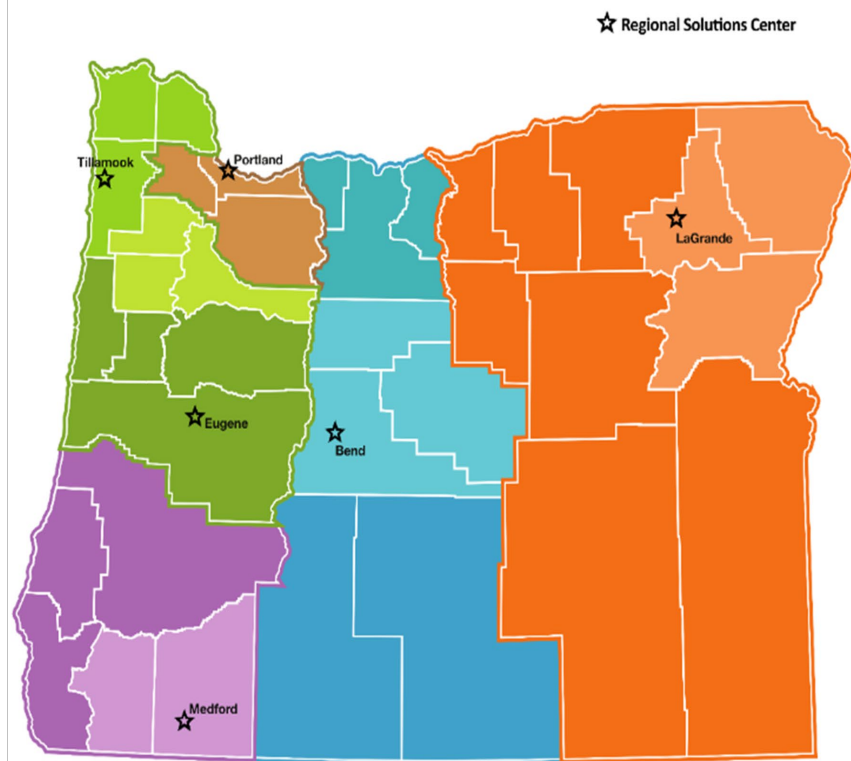
- Metro Region

Central Oregon

- Central Region
- North Central Region
- South Central Region

Eastern Oregon

- Greater Eastern Oregon Region
- Northeast Oregon Region



Discuss listening session facilitator expectations.

Staff Memorandum

To: Chair and Members of the Environmental Justice Council
From: Hoang-Van Nguyen, Environmental Justice Council & Policy Coordinator
Date: April 4, 2024

Regarding: Agenda Item 4 – EJ Mapping Tool Decision Points Introduction
Council action is requested on this agenda item.

Attachments: EJC 1-1 Welcome Package and EJC 1-1 Report March 2-24.

Action Requested: Discuss and decide Decision Points 1 and 2.

Staff Recommendations:

Decision Point 1:

**DECISION POINT #1:
INDICATOR DOMAIN SELECTION**

The Environmental Justice Mapping Tool Methodology Workgroup recommends the following indicator domains and subdomains:

Oregon Environmental Justice Mapping Tool	
Place (Community Burdens & Benefits) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Exposures• Environmental Effects• Climate Change Risks• Built Environment	People (Vulnerable Populations & Opportunities) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human Health Disparities• Demographic and Social Factors

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Decision Point 2:

**DECISION POINT #2:
GEOGRAPHIC UNITS**

Methodology Workgroup Recommendation:

The Environmental Justice Mapping Tool Methodology Workgroup recommends **Census tracts** for the primary geographic unit defining community boundaries in the first version of the Oregon EJ Mapping Tool.

The Methodology Workgroup also recommends the inclusion of additional geographic units in the EJ Mapping Tool including Census county divisions, zip codes, and county boundaries in the second version of the mapping tool.

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Staff Memorandum

To: Chair and Members of the Environmental Justice Council
From: Hoang-Van Nguyen, Environmental Justice Council & Policy Coordinator
Date: April 8, 2024

Regarding: Agenda Item 6 – LUBGWMA CBO Panel
No Council action is requested for this agenda item.

Attachments: Shared CBO Memorandum

Oregon Rural Action: ORA Testimony and Attachments - Combined

Douglas Latinas International: Douglas Latinas International-ECJ-PublicTestimony

Eastern Oregon Center for Environmental Living: CBO Memorandum Final (EOCIL)

Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides: NCAP Testimony – LUBGWMA EJC

Participating Organizations:

- Oregon Rural Action (ORA)
- Douglas Latinas International (DLI)
- EUVALCREE
- Eastern Oregon Center for Environmental Living (EOCIL)
- Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP)

Shared Concerns:

1. Agricultural and industrial employee health and safety concerns.
 - a. Potential of retaliation by employers for bringing up concerns.
2. Data and places where issues are happening.
3. Water delivery criteria: Issue on people not getting enough water.
4. Overall health and safety of communities in the Lower Umatilla Basin

Shared Asks:

- a) More effective means for communities to keep track of water testing status and water deliveries. This could be helpful from a community perspective as well as for individuals.
- b) Community education documents to help them understand the impacts of contamination and health and safety concerns.