



## Agenda/Notes

Office of Governor Tina Kotek  
RJC Environment Equity Committee  
February 19, 2025 – Zoom  
1:00-2:30pm

### MEMBERS

X	Dr. Alai Reyes-Santos	X	Dr. Bob Komoto	X	Tiffany Monroe
X	Janet Komoto		Jill Fuglister		
X	Ana Molina		Clara Soh		




### OTHER ATTENDEES

	Andre Bealer	X	Javier Cervantes	X	Chandra Ferrari
	Karin Power	X	Yasmin Solorio	X	Jonna Papaefthimiou
X	Lauren Rosenstein (ODOE)	X	Ruchi Sadhir (ODOE)	X	Sarah Moehrke (ODOE)

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
Welcome Intro	<p><i>Javier opens meeting and reviews agenda.</i></p> <p><b>Ana:</b> I know we are a month into session and things are moving quickly, along with things at the federal level. Appreciate all the work folks are putting in and ensuring we are doing the right things here in Oregon.</p>	
Resiliency Hub and Natural Disaster & Hazard Planning (Jonna Papaefthimiou)	<p><b>Jonna:</b> My title is State Resilience Officer. I advise Governor on resiliency and emergency management. Hope it will be the start of a conversation and working together. Natural hazards, earthquakes, landslides, floods, etc. has a huge impact on BIPOC communities, tons of research on that and unfortunately the current systems in place does not serve those communities well. Communities of color often experience incomplete recovery and this can cycle into injustice. Love doing this work because crisis is also opportunity. We have an opportunity to show up in any way as government to be better than we have in the past. Will share a few slides on an overview.</p> <p><i>Jonna shares "RJC-EJ-present" power point</i></p> <p>Working to ensure Gov Office and state are tracking emergencies and risks on when to engage responders or local recovery work. We have had a few already in my time here for severe heat, cold, and wildfires. If you remember those really hot days around fourth of July last summer, the governor declared an emergency. This was huge as the state lead the work to ensure residents were safe, agricultural workers, cooling shelters, water, other supplies. It wasn't enough since 16 people still died, but its an example of how we can look at emergencies in the lens of justice and what were paying attention to. Another area is the continuity of operations planning – which are state plans to ensure continuity of operations after an attack or natural disaster. Two areas that come into mind are State Hospital or DOC that depends on state agencies for their wellbeing and lives.</p>	

<p>ODOE Presentation (Ruchi Sadhir, Sarah Moehrke, and Lauren Rosenstein)</p>	<p><i>Ruchi shares "ODOE_ComNavPresentation" power point.</i></p> <p><b>Ruchi:</b> One of the reasons that there's lots of energy incentives out there, and questions surrounding them with recent executive orders. In terms of federal funding that we are expecting, we have grant agreement and contracts on where we are expecting them. Our job is to ensure we meet the deliverables of each contract and are still working on our end of the agreement. We expect good programs on solar, heat pumps, efficiency, as things are changing we are really committing to transparency. For us that is helping to navigate what to do when we are getting different news or what the options are. There was a bill that passed that required ODOE to create a one stop shop for energy incentives. We have a beta version of that undergoing testing. It's called <i>incentives.oregon.gov</i>. You can put in your household information, your income, your utility, whatever information, and it'll kind of calculate what financial support might be available for electrification, energy efficiency, and renewable energy in your area. We want people to use it and we want to make it better which actually leads me to the second point which is there's a bill that folks are working on that would increase the sort of work around. We don't have a position on it but I did want to alert you to the to the bill; it's SB 89. It would provide some more resources for translation and put people in place that have the ability to be more than just a website. It's a really good conversation that I hope the committee will take a look at.</p> <p><b>Javier:</b> If you could send the information on the bill and expansion, I'm sure the committee will like to look at that. Especially the linguistically rich information. Please send presentations to myself and Yasmin.</p>	
<p>LC and GRB Items Related to Water (Chandra)</p>	<p><b>Chandra:</b> We need to be really strategic with our investments and this reflects the fact that we're entering a different funding landscape than we've had the last couple of sessions. Not only on our side with revenue coming in and the cost of just typical expenses. We're seeing an expiration of one time funding from the feds and also our federal funding landscape is changing because of the new administration. We're in a different space and we need to be really strategic about our investments to ensure we're in a space to really respond to these environmental challenges. We were really trying not to cut people or cut services that folks have come to rely upon. This was a stay the course budget for the most part. We have we've been done a really good job of infusing new funds into programs over the last few sessions. We want to keep that progress going but there might not be a whole lot for new investments. What you're going to see in the GRB is not a whole lot of new but we tried really hard to keep things steady and also to kind of backfill where we saw certain one time funds going away, keep current service level for all of our national resource agencies.</p> <p>In Water Resources Dept space, we want to make things more accessible and available to a broader set of Oregonians.</p> <p>POP 104: Feasibility Studies, water projects and wells. Has a few buckets. \$1 million for feasibility study grants, \$20 million for water project grants and loans, \$1 million for well abandonment, repair, and replacement.</p>	

	<p>For Oregon Department of Agriculture, Governor did put POP 310 Pesticide certification and training core Support.</p> <p>For Oregon Water Enhancement board, had a lot of one-time funds over the last two biennia. We focused on trying to make those funds and positions permanent, we converted several positions to permanent – like water acquisition program and source water protection program. Capacity for administering Monsanto settlement.</p> <p>With DEQ, 121 and 500. Legislative concepts we are tracking are LC 4082, HB 3341, HB 2168, HB 3535, HB 3526, HB 3527, and SB 830. Also relating to pesticide are HB 2809, and HB 3010. Our office is not in a position to advocate for items not relating to the GRB.</p> <p><b>Javier:</b> Committee has opportunity to advocate for bills</p> <p><b>Ana:</b> Would be great to know which items within this water package the committee wants to support. There is still some time with Ways and Means but would be good for us to identify what those priorities are.</p> <p><b>Bob:</b> In pesticide training in Spanish, I see more and more Hispanic Latino farmers, and I think those trainings – they didn’t go to the pesticide training sessions if they were in Spanish, it would had a large measure of safety for those handling the comment.</p> <p><b>Chandra:</b> I don’t have the stat off hand and how much this training being accessible would create a meaningful difference.</p> <p><b>Javier:</b> Please review slides and pull recommendations and send to us.</p>	
Update on Ag. Pesticides (Chandra)	<i>Chandra shares “EEC_February2025” slides and provides presentation on GRB and legislative updates on Ag. Pesticides.</i>	Committee members to review slides and select water safety issue to prioritize.
Recruitment Discussion (Javier)	<i>Javier shares information on committee recruitment window, application process, and encourages members to share information with their networks. Javier adjourns meeting.</i>	

<b>Materials</b>	 RJC-EJ-present.pdf  ODOE_ComNavPresentation_02.2025.pdf  EEC_February2025.pdf
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