



## Agenda/Notes

Office of Governor Tina Kotek

RJC Environment Equity Committee

December 17, 2025 – Virtual

1:00-2:30pm

### MEMBERS

E	Dr. Alai Reyes-Santos	X	Cheyenne Holliday	X	Jill Fuglister
X	Ana Molina	X	Clara Soh		
X	Dr. Bob Komoto	X	Janet Komoto		

### OTHER ATTENDEES

	Andre Bealer	X	Javier Cervantes	X	Chandra Ferrari
X	Amy Schlusser	X	Yasmin Solorio		Jonna Papaefthimiou
X	Anca Matica			X	Hoang-Van Nguyen, EJC

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
EO Climate Update- Amy Schlusser	<p><i>Meeting commences at 1:04pm.</i></p> <p><b>Amy:</b> EO focus is to foster the transition to a clean energy economy. Plans to do this in three ways: Prioritize implementation of Oregon Energy Strategy Pathways, get clean energy projects built, build a resilient clean energy economy.</p> <p>First category is focused on prioritizing implementation of the Oregon Energy Strategy Least-Cost Pathways. Advance energy efficiency across all sectors, support investment in clean electricity infrastructure, increase strategic electrification of vehicles and buildings, increase supply and use of low-carbon fuels, strengthen resilience across all levels of the energy system.</p> <p>Building a Resilient Clean Energy Economy – it directs ODOE, DEQ, BizO, PUC, DOGAMI. This EO creates framework around implementation and accountability. Agencies must deliver transparent, accurate reporting and maintain accountability to the public. They must report on their progress to the Governor's Office, public, and key stakeholders. The orders directives applies to several agencies (DAS, ODOE/EFSC, DEQ, DLCD, ODOT, DOGAMI, PUC, BizO) and require certain agencies to require consultation and information sharing. These are BizO, ODFW, DLS, ODOT, OPRD, and OWRD.</p> <p>Governor's office will work with all agencies listed in the EO to coordinate.</p> <p><b>Anca:</b> We had foreshadowed governor's climate vision to this</p>	

Group. We are working on information to be shared on data centers and AI. Those decisions made at the local level and thinking about what information we need to have as we see data centers. Its definitely top of mind.

**Clara:** What energies count as “clean” for the EO?

**Amy:** The EO doesn't define what energy it considers clean. We are tracking both the statutory requirements with the transition and states requirements. All sources of energy that qualify under Oregon's renewable standard. Such as solar, wind, etc. as well as other sources of electric that aren't RPS qualifying but still carbon free. In the context of the EO we would consider hydropower and nuclear as a clean energy source.

**Javier:** Do you have a trajectory for updates or when things take effect?

**Amy:** Agencies are working on putting implementation plans right now. We're anticipating we'll have an opportunity to review within the next month. We'll have a more clear idea on implementation timelines following that. Though some agencies have started implementation efforts already – such as PUC.

**Javier:** Public comment opportunity or has it happened already?

**Amy:** DEQ is accepting preliminary comments to inform rule making. Rule making officially launches 2026.

**Anca:** They are having some kind of listening/information session.

**Amy:** Will get you that information and get you the PUC docket and send it to the group.

**EEC-EJC Update-  
Anca Matica**

**Javier:** Our hope is by end of Q1 to have meetings together and engage one another and have more pragmatic connection points for us with regards to EJC participating with RJC. It looks like that work is moving forward. Ana, Cheyenne and I have been apart of those conversations.

**Hoan-Van:** EJC is actively recruiting members and there has been a lot of progress with that.

**Anca:** I was hoping to come to this meeting with final bylaws and workplan but unfortunately, we didn't hit quorum in November. We didn't formally vote on our things in November given quorum but do think we are in a good place. Aiming for

Yasmin to Ask Brandy a step by step on how to apply for a board in Workday.

	<p>end of Q1. We will have two more appointees in January of 2026, which means we should hit quorum moving forward.</p> <p>EJ Mapping tool is on a great path to finalization in 2026. The governor is identifying best connection points for engagement structure for RJC and EJC. Want to make sure the EJC has an opportunity to collaborate with RJC on environmental justice issues. In spirit of us being all called to serve, meeting with our team implementing plan for Resilient Oregon to combine efforts and not have so much duplicative efforts.</p> <p>Goal is to have full appointed EJC at end of Q2. Anca will share workday application for EJC.</p>	
<p><b>Flag: Immigration Agents Imposters of PGE workers - Anca</b></p>	<p><b>Anca:</b> We got notification in east Multnomah county that ICE agents have been impersonating utility workers. The PUC immediately alerted energy (PGE and Pacific Core) and are working to release more public information on what's going on. Want to ensure we are protecting our neighbors on the ground. Always looking for ideas on how the state can be a better partner. PUC is working on posting to social media on potential impersonations.</p> <p><b>Javier:</b> Where would we find updates of this?</p> <p><b>Anca:</b> Will connect with PGE and Pacific Core today to see what they are planning. PUC was doing a media release next week likely and social media posts but will keep you updated as I find out information.</p>	
<p><b>Criteria Framework for Advocacy</b></p>	<p><b>Javier:</b> Any bills, Chandra, that we might want to keep an eye on?</p> <p><b>Chandra:</b> We are connecting with Environmental Caucus Coordinator soon though and have a better list of that. Can share that via email.</p> <p><b>Javier:</b> As this committee wants to pursue advocacy, want to ensure we have criteria to use.</p> <p><i>Javier shares Advocacy framework doc</i></p> <p><b>Ana:</b> Not dismantling any programs that have benefits to communities.</p> <p><b>Janet:</b> Think we should continue with the same efforts we started with. If we have track on doing what we are doing, why not just continue it.</p> <p><b>Jill:</b> Precautionary prevention oriented. Looking at cumulative impacts.</p>	

**Chandra:** Who is baring the risk could be something to keep in mind.

**Cheyenne:** We should have the bills numbers and looking at budget reductions in January.

**Jill:** To maintain current efforts, we have to bump up efforts given federal roll backs.

*2:20pm EEC Agenda Planning*

## Materials



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Board and Commission steps:

<https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Pages/board-list.aspx>

## Zoom Chat

13:02:05 From Cheyenne Holliday (she/her), Verde to Hosts and panelists:

Hello, I am here my background is distracting so I am camera off

13:03:44 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

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EEC-EJC Update-Anca (15 Min)

Flag: Immigration Agents Imposters of PGE workers (10 Min) Anca

Criteria Frame Work for Advocacy (Remaining time)

13:04:14 From Amy Schlusser, OR GOV (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

Sorry folks, my camera doesn't seem to be working.

13:04:24 From clara (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

i can't seem to unmute myself, I'll drop any comments in the chat. apologies

13:17:59 From clara (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

can you tell us what energies count as "clean" for this EO?

13:19:53 From clara (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

thank you!

13:20:17 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

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13:26:14 From clara (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

I was going to ask if you dressed up for us!

13:38:13 From clara (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

I was confused i thought we were getting folded in so thanks for the clarification

13:49:47 From Janet and Bob Komoto to Hosts and panelists:

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## **Environmental Equity Committee Advocacy Framework: 2026 Short Session**

Please list values, principles, and standards that you believe the Committee should consider for a framework as it advocates during the 2026 Short Session. Understanding that agency program expansion or new program is unlikely during the 2026 session due to adverse budget conditions. Focusing on maintenance of effort, program implementation, or rulemaking are some of the opportunities to engage and offer input or make recommendations on how agency programs execute services and apply resources.

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As a refresher, the following is a list of priorities the committee has listed as its topical areas of focus.

**Theme:** *Operate realistically, intentionally and pragmatically by strengthening current policy and laws for the protection of vulnerable populations and advocating cost-neutral fiscal impacts in mind.*

**Priorities:**

**Oregon Environmental Restoration Funds**

- Find ways to assist in the distribution of the Monsanto settlement and participate in the rule develop process on how dollars go out or applied for.

**Resiliency Efforts**

- Find ways to actively engage, provide feedback, give input and partner with agencies on projects that target vulnerable populations in the resiliency space to minimize impacts of natural hazards.
  - Oregon Department of Energy
  - Office of Emergency Management (Jonna P.)
  - Department of Land Conservation and Development: Natural Hazard Programs

**Environmental Justice Council (EJC)**

- Continue the engagement with EJC and understand the next steps for continued connections.