



## Agenda/Notes

Office of Governor Tina Kotek — RJC Environmental Equity

August 21, 2024 – Zoom

1:00pm

Moderator – Javier Cervantes

### MEMBERS

X	Tiffany Monroe	X	Ana Molina		Chandra Ferarri
	Karin Power		Candace Avalos		Jill Fuglister
X	Janet Komoto	X	Robert Komoto		Clara Soh
X	Alai Reyes-Santos				

### OTHER ATTENDEES

X	Andre Bealer	X	Michael Williams	X	Lauren Rosenstein
	Geoff Huntington		Adam Crawford	X	Sione Filimoehala
X	Danielle Gonzales	X	Clare Lanusse	X	Sunny Summers
X	Brandy Nichols	X	Aurora Dziadul	X	Aurora Dziadul

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
Welcome		
Brief Update on Water Equity Funds Supported by EEC	<p><i>*power point*</i></p> <p>Able to secure \$500k for water justice communities projects in 2023. Recipients in slide. Dr. Alai facilitated selection, but did not make the final selections. Received strong applications. October should bring a report on the projects under way. This year, because of the support letter, we secured \$1mil in funding. Possibly \$750k to go to tribal projects. 2 awards to community groups from round 1. Hosting celebration event</p> <p><b>Tiffany</b> - Thank you for your work here and around the state.</p> <p><b>Javier</b> - Are the priorities right? Gov wants to know so she can have the right items in the recommended budget.</p>	<p><a href="https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=87bd2caf999b34890faa82ec&amp;id=1a4c41a3d7">https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=87bd2caf999b34890faa82ec&amp;id=1a4c41a3d7</a></p>
Quick Summary of Previous Meeting		

<p>Oregon Water Resource Department Danielle Gonzales</p>	<p><i>*power point*</i> Environmental Justice report – Slide 4 Not just looking from I-5 corridor prospective, but throughout the state. Identified Gaps and Opportunities – slide 5 Need more project management &amp; facilitation internally Leg Agenda – slide 6 Need to request fee increases CREP program – want to carry-over funding so they can encourage the retirement of water rights</p> <p><b>Dr. Alai</b> - Website accessibility is important. Hear a lot about it from folks. Well investments/repair/safety also big.</p>	
<p>Department of Agriculture Sunny Summers</p>	<p>Overview – mission is to protect, promote, prosper. Vision is for a resilient tomorrow. New core values – AGGIES. Part of strategic plan from this year. Weights and Measures. Scales are inspected by ODA, also gas stations and pumps. AG Marketing in Oregon and nationally. Wolf grants Pesticides Water quality Budget – all agencies had a 1% limit (\$579k for ODA) want to focus on admin capacity. Seeking bond funding for IT. Also requesting fee increases. 3 POPs re fees Safety, pesticides, weights and measures program. These are to maintain current service levels. Having convos in Hood River re enhancing Spanish language testing and language materials for pesticides. Federal asks are to continue existing programs. Cut list -funding not directly related to core programs and work.</p> <p><b>Ana</b> – Spanish materials for pesticides. How far of a reach will that have?</p> <p><b>Sunny</b> – Providing study materials in Spanish as well as continuing training, we hired an outreach specialist for a lot of that work. Modeling same format as Washington. Not a ton of details but can get more info if needed.</p> <p><b>Robert</b> – Inspection costs had risen long ago. To save money, they had an agreement that inspectors could be paid employees of the business. Dept. of Ag would do surprise audits.</p> <p><b>Sunny</b> – we are having those convos, but not always cost effective. Is it best for private or state to do these? Ongoing convos in commodity inspection program.</p>	

<p>Oregon Department of Energy Michael Williams\Lauren Rosenstein</p>	<p><i>*power point*</i> Biennial Budget Comparison – slide 3 Lots of programs phasing in and out in Energy Dev. Services – slide 5 Review of Divisions and Highlights (slides) POPs are listed for each</p> <p><b>Ana</b> – Community navigator program sounds on point</p> <p><b>Alai</b> - Quick comments: What stays with me is investments in rural areas, paid internships, community navigator program, and investing in DEI hoping it will ensure that underserved communities have access to new energy sources.</p>	<p>Grounded Podcast: Episode 42 - Cool for the Summer — Energy Info (oregon.gov) <a href="https://energyinfo.oregon.gov/blog/2024/7/2/grounded-podcast-episode-42-cool-for-the-summer">https://energyinfo.oregon.gov/blog/2024/7/2/grounded-podcast-episode-42-cool-for-the-summer</a></p>
<p>Department of Land Conservation Development Brandy Nichols</p>	<p><i>*power Point*</i> Continue and strengthen staff and IT with new budget We set the rules for how land is used in the state. We are a resource for communities. Objectives slide. POPs slide – focus on 100 and 101. \$508k is the 1% for DLCD. Lost of community action POPs ensuring communities maintain eligibility for natural disaster programs. Including rural communities that may not have the staff to do so for themselves. Also helping communities meet the floodplain requirements.</p>	
<p>Q&amp;A</p>	<p>Are the right priorities incorporated here? Are there other priorities, not included, that you prefer? What racial equity impacts are you thinking about?</p> <p><b>Bob</b> – What resources are available in communities for people to take advantage of? (tree planting?) How can people access the grants?</p> <p><b>Aurora</b> – That’s what we’re targeting. Specifically, tree planting in neighborhoods. Targeting communities that don’t have that access and trying to provide grants for that and other environmental work.</p> <p><b>Alai</b> – Energy implementation of solar program. Indigenous stewardship plan is good. Equitable communities program – more detail?</p> <p><b>Aurora</b> – 15 or so cities meet rules so far. Need climate friendly areas to target for dense urban infill. Must ensure the zoning can sustain 30% or more of the current or future housing needs. Communities are</p>	<p>Contact for tree planting in communities: <a href="mailto:laura.buhl@dlcd.oregon.gov">laura.buhl@dlcd.oregon.gov</a></p>

	<p>responsible for updating transportation planning, focusing on promoting walking/biking/public transit. Ensure all areas have access.</p> <p>Land back program – we get grants from federal gov, and then administer it to tribal governments to purchase back land back into tribe control.</p> <p><b>Michael</b> – Solar for all – state awarded \$86.8 mil for low and moderate income households. Single family homeowners, energy trust of Oregon and Bonneville working together to support, developing multi-family portion of grant. Supporting workforce development. Encouraging workforce in populations that don't generally have those opportunities. Finalizing work plans soon. Could be a year out to launch with onboarding and everything.</p> <p>Lauren – first year is to build relationships and community partnership/connection.</p>	
Last Comments	<p><b>Robert</b> – A lot of info. I'll have questions for DOE after seeing slides.</p> <p><b>Bob</b> – With solar – tax credits were hard to get. People with lower incomes may have a hard time. How do we incentivize in another way?</p> <p><b>Alai</b> – Solar for all – requiring reimbursement? How does the cost part work?</p> <p><b>Andre</b> – Reiterate that the goal is to establish priorities as a committee, especially going into legislative session. We want to hear about your goals and priorities. We want to present your ideas to the Governor to help guide the budget.</p>	