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

OTHER ATTENDEES

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| | Andre Bealer | X | Javier Cervantes | X | Chandra Ferrari |
| | Amy Schlusser | X | Yasmin Solorio | X | Anca Matica |

| Topic/Lead | Notes/Main Points | Decisions/Action Items |
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| <p>Close Out/Integration EJC-Anca</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Meeting starts at 1:03pm. Ana welcomes everyone.</i></p> <p>Anca: Environmental justice is so broad in Oregon. It takes a lens of prioritization focus because we can't do it all. Ana has agreed to join Environmental Justice Council (EJC) and will maintain a role on the Racial Justice Council (RJC). We are also looking at the staff side for taking things on. Future work will be the Environmental Justice (EJ) Mapping tool. Hard to talk about application of that tool, benefit, and how it can impact program funding.</p> <p>RJC engagement will likely be implementation of the mapping tool. Having something visual will be important for that. RJC will be the mechanism to help us with that advocacy lens. We have an EJC meeting tomorrow, we nominated chair and vice chair in January and will be electing them. Expecting much more solid and consistent facilitation.</p> <p>My last day at the Governor's Office will be February 27th, joining Our Oregon. We are looking at brining in a consultant and guide for that support and planning. That is a bit about the integration, more to come.</p> <p>Javier: I will be meeting with Van Nguyen, coordinator for EJC efforts. We have a meeting to talk about imbedding that communication stream to RJC, should Ana not be available to join RJC meetings.</p> <p>Clara: Are there still opportunities for folks to apply for EJC?</p> <p>Anca: We are at capacity and will follow up with Clara on next</p> | |

steps. Amy Schlusser will be first on point for EJC team. There will be different ways for advisors to engage.

Javier: There are opportunities for us to maintain that. We have a few members serving on different commissions as well. Alai and Cheyenne are on other opportunities.

Anca: Sensing a natural convergence as we move forward with Environmental Restoration Council, and others, to ensure how we keep intersections alive.

Javier: Bob and Janet will focus on other areas of volunteerism; you always have our emails should you need to connect with us and let us know how to be aware.

**Short Session
Conversation
Discussion/
Legislative Update—
Chandra, Amy, and
Anca**

Ana: A lot of things happening. First and second chamber deadlines are up.

Anca: Did want to share the transit lodging conversation. Governor shared with OCV and OCL she will be neutral.

- Farmstands 4153 Governor is supporting.
- HB 4031 Help get renewable energy on the ground for companies trying to meet time limited tax incentive deadlines. Governor is supporting. Made it through first chamber, now onto its way to second chamber.
- Climate Resilience Superfund Bill – in Ways and Means. Keeping an eye on it.
- Serial communications laws and public meetings and how it can impact natural resource agencies.
- Good governance package is one we are keeping an eye on.

Chandra: Budget is a big thing this session. We did get a revenue forecast that is more favorable, still not in the strongest position given roll back of federal funds, as well as transportation fixes.

Rest of our work was on the defensive space. There's a few water bills we don't think will result in sustainable water use and we're targeting solutions. One of those Mid-Columbia Water Commission died, but we agreed to have conversations. Harney Basin is also another one, still alive in Ways and Means. Require establishment of harvest targets, folks could litigate against the state – there's also equity concerns because of who can and can't sue. In Ways and Means as well.

Another bill related to establishing taskforce for blue economy and looking at solutions for economic solutions around blue carbon. Also things around wildfire insurance, tabled in Rules, but likely to keep conversations for next session as well.

Ana: We have a new State Forester.

<https://apps.oregon.gov/oregon-newsroom/OR/GOV/Posts/Post/governor-kotek-appoints-oregon-state-forester>

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| | <p>She will be formally starting in March, and middle of this year will tour state and get a better sense.</p> <p>Chandra: Got a bipartisan vote on all of them, in particular was great for State Forester. One of the water resource candidates is from Willamette and has a lot of experience, including with tribes, and haven't had one that has her depth of experience and will facilitate hopefully rich conversations and progress.</p> <p>Javier: Some of those bills are in the tracker on what might be of interest to the committee. We did note Columbia Basin and Harney. Will send daily emails until session ends and will give you a comprehensive list of EEC bills at the end of the week.</p> | |
| <p>Budget Calendar Preview–Javier</p> | <p><i>Javier shares budget engagement timeline</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March budget instructions published <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget instructions published March 17 ○ Kick off meeting with agencies March 17 • May-July REIS presentations • September: Agency request budget due • September – November: REIS review and advising • January Governor's Budget <p>Some folks get confused that the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) is the budget, but its just what the governor recommends. Legislature determines the budget. We will do our best to advocate those racial equity impacts. Long session will be here before we know it.</p> | |
| <p>Remember to update contact information</p> | <p>Javier: This will be our last committee meeting. We are only an email or call away if you need anything.</p> <p>Ana: Thanks everyone for sharing updates. I had one question, we talked about sending priorities important to folks from committee to RJC. Is that something we can do?</p> <p>Javier: Time to advocate now is to ask Anca and Chandra now, for a bill that's still alive. Session will close here soon.</p> <p>Ana: DEQ Permit was a concern folks brought up, Climate Resilience Superfund too is a revenue generating legislation that is in Ways and Means at the moment.</p> <p>Javier: Would recommend getting something as soon as possible.</p> <p>Chandara: Ways and Means can make appearances later, and in particular with superfund bill. The context is the larger budget space and where they fit into those priorities.</p> <p>Ana: I'll see if I can draft a letter today and send it out. Will combine both.</p> | |

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| | <p>Javier: What are the bill numbers on those?</p> <p>Ana: Climate one is SB1541.</p> <p>Anca: DEQ one is 4102.</p> <p>Ana: It's been a great ride and it's concluding. Great to work alongside you and uplift priorities for this group through the RJC. Hopefully our paths will cross in the future.</p> <p><i>Members share comments on gratitude and highlight past advocacy. Meeting concludes at 1:45pm.</i></p> | |
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| Materials | None | |
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Zoom Chat

13:02:08 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

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13:05:33 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

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13:06:16 From Chandra Ferrari, Governor's Office to Hosts and panelists:

FYI, I need to jump from the meeting at 140. Apologies.

13:23:27 From Anca Matica (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

<https://apps.oregon.gov/oregon-newsroom/OR/GOV/Posts/Post/governor-kotek-appoints-oregon-state-forester>

13:37:19 From Anca Matica (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

HB 4102