



## Agenda/Notes

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

### MEMBERS

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

### OTHER ATTENDEES

	Andre Bealer	X	Javier Cervantes	E	Chandra Ferrari
X	Karin Power	X	Yasmin Solorio	E	Jonna Papaefthimiou

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
	Meeting commences at 1:10pm.	
<b>Contextualize Budget Forecast</b>	<p><b>Karin:</b> March revenue forecast indicated our state budget is stable and growing a little bit. The Governor was on Think Out Loud yesterday and provided updates to Dave Miller. Budget is good and stable, uncertainty around federal awards and trade and exports. Major sectors trade outside the country. That may have a growing outside impact in coming months. Her message is to continue to be judicious and thoughtful and continue investments and program that are working. Has specific recommendations on water infrastructure and quality work. Unfortunately with the way the federal budget is playing out, we put in water related work but it doesn't look like will be funded. We will stay tuned to see how the budget moves forward if there another option to put that back in.</p> <p>Major federal block grants that were previously frozen and are now accessible again. Some remain frozen still, and with layoffs at federal agencies that impact certain climate and agriculture work. Climate Smart for example remains frozen. Chandra has been lead on the federal agency impacts to our state programs. I've been reaching out to outside partners to see on their federal funds.</p> <p>Governor sent a message to our internal enterprise that work will continue across the enterprise. Good snapshot right now. We are at a wait and see with the state budget.</p> <p><b>Alai:</b> There's negotiations on the budget right now and the state. What happens in the next few months will be impacted by the consequences of federal funding or no access to</p>	

	<p>budgets on the ground.</p> <p><b>Karin:</b> Next few weeks in legislature is a sprint. Legislators have to vote bills out of committee by a certain day.</p> <p><b>Javier:</b> POP104 feasibility study and maintenance. OWRD. HB3010 committee wanted to put weight behind and write a letter. HB3170 if those are still in and where they are going to next, after committee hearings, where we can submit a letter.</p> <p><b>Karin:</b> 3170 moved to ways and means on March 6<sup>th</sup> (with paperwork delay). Is in Ways and Means subcommittee. Is in the Natural Resources subcommittee, Senator Lew Fedrick and Rep Emerson Leavy.</p> <p><b>Javier:</b> Do we have a deadline to get stuff in front of them?</p> <p><b>Karin:</b> They are immune from deadlines. The best bet is getting it onto the climate budget.</p> <p><b>Ana:</b> Curious for these two things; we did it in 2024 for letter of support for water budget ask. Do we want to do a letter of support for these that are in the Natural Resources budget or just as a general Ways and Means committee to support. I think we have a bit of time</p> <p><b>Karin:</b> We don't for 3010, for Spanish one.</p>	
<b>Recruitment Update</b>	<i>Amended agenda and discussed after workplan advocacy</i>	
<b>Go over guidance for advocacy doc</b>	Javier reviews RJC Endorsement guidance.	
<b>Work plan Advocacy for HB 3010 Pesticide Training Spanish Priority 3</b>	<p><b>Karin:</b> House Ag. Land Use committee. Chairs are chief sponsors of the bill. Pinged Morgan in our office to see if she is meeting with Rep. It is a bipartisan bicameral bill when it was introduced.</p> <p><b>Javier:</b> That would have a deadline right? This might be the priority letter.</p> <p><b>Karin:</b> Let me see if we can find out as a follow up. We don't have enough time to write a letter. This committee has republican and democratic co-chairs and both are on the bill. Wouldn't panic on this one not moving forward for the work session. Public hearing has already passed. At this stage, they will post it or not post it. This one goes to Ways and Means.</p> <p><b>Ana:</b> We just write a letter of support with all the priorities since they are all going to ways and means. If we want to do an advocacy on these.</p>	

**Javier:** We can work on some of the language since we know it's going there. We can start crafting language.

**Karin:** ERJ was asking for a copy of your 2024 water justice ask. Would include all of the priority items into it to support request, and you can always delete them. We will know in very short to have them or not.

**Ana:** So it would mean drafting a letter from us including all of these priorities. Don't know if anyone has time but need someone else to help. Alai, can potentially write on the water stuff.

**Javier:** Shorter is better, 1.5 pages is the longest I'd recommend. Doesn't have to be long.

**Ana:** Would we need to have it completed by tomorrow?

**Javier:** No, we can do this also via email.

**Alai:** Happy to help. Half of it I feel comfortable with writing language for.

**Ana:** I'll start a google doc, share with members, and get the draft letter for your approval.

**Alai:** Can take a look at it on Friday. I'll be off internet Monday-Friday next week.

**Javier:** once it gets approved, it gets through quickly.

**Recruitment update – Javier:**

We have closed window for recruitment of new members. Closed last Friday. For Environmental Equity, I had three people interested but one person submitted after the deadline, and the other person did not qualify. Will reopen recruitment in the fall.

**Ana:** When is the next recruitment cycle? Thinking of folks to invite or encourage to applied. They are also tapped to take on other projects.

**Alai:** I misread the email, thought the deadline was later. Next round I have a few people in rural areas that want to be engaged.

**Clara:** For Oregon Wild, we had the same problem. We had a field office in enterprise, but recruiting board members is so hard to get people outside of I-5 corridor. Reflective of the

	<p>population. In some of the discussions, this subcommittee its clear how different are in rural and more urban areas of Oregon. Theres a lot of impact on federal budget uncertainty. Theres a lot of uncertainty on public lands, federal public lands. Don't know if we can predict but maybe in a month we will know more. We have a lot of old growth forests. A lot done by EO and they can be taken back. Would like more information on how those federal movements can impact our state lands. Potentially we can try to ensure they are protected in perpetuity or a statement by legislature or executive office to confirm commitments.</p> <p><b>Karin:</b> Helpful to bring ODF and ODFW, will check-in with Chandra.</p> <p><b>Alai:</b> Only us right now having two projects totally paused by all that's happening in federal government. Any of the work in the federal level is affecting our work.</p> <p><b>Karin:</b> Great point.</p> <p><b>Javier:</b> If you want to articulate some of that stuff for us to share with Andre to share with Governor and other leadership team, would be happy to relay that.</p> <p><b>Ana</b> adjourns meeting at 2pm.</p>	
<b>Work Plan</b> <b>Advocacy HB 3170</b> <b>Resiliency Hubs</b> <b>Priority 1</b>	<i>Did not discuss due to time.</i>	

<b>Materials</b>	None	
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