



Wildfire Programs Advisory Council – Meeting

Friday March 3, 2023

The complete Wildfire Programs Advisory Council can be viewed at the following website and serves as the official public meeting record: <https://www.oregon.gov/gov/policies/Pages/wildfire-programs-council.aspx>

Welcome

Chair Bennett

Chair Bennett welcomed the council members to the meeting and thanked members who have participated in the legislative session so far. The chair identified the primary objective for the meeting to review and approve the mapping adjustments identified by workgroup two. Chair Bennett reviewed meeting etiquette.

Public Comment

All

No public comment was made to the council.

Council Review of Mapping Adjustments

Mary Kyle McCurdy, Dave Hunnicutt

Mary Kyle McCurdy reviewed the work of workgroup crafting the letter to the legislature regarding mapping adjustments and walked the council through the letter soliciting feedback from the council. The letter included the following recommendations:

- Renaming the map “Wildfire Hazard Map” instead of “Wildfire Risk Map”
- Use three categories of hazard level on the map instead of five, those categories being Low, Medium, and High hazard zones. There would also be areas without classification where the hazard level is not classified.
- Adjusting the target due dates for the map and include public engagement and outreach process.
- Only sending notification letters to property owners in the Wildland Urban Interface.
 - Member Samantha Beyer suggested also including with the letters resources for property owners to easily learn the potential impacts that stem from the designation.
- Utilize the existing appeals process under the Oregon Administrative procedures act for appeals of hazard designations or inclusion in the wildland urban interface.
- Clarify that the map layer designating economically and socially vulnerable communities should be used to direct resources, implement programs, and engage in outreach.

The council approved the draft letter with the discussed changes.

Wrap Up

Chair Bennett

Chair Bennett thanked the committee and noted that the next council meeting would be on April 14, 2023.
