

FEBRUARY
2025

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING

Hosted by
Oregon Environmental Justice Council

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<https://www.oregon.gov/gov/policies/pages/environmental-justice-council.aspx>

Today's Agenda

- Item #1 (10:00): Roll Call
- Item #2 (10:10): Governor's Office Welcome
- Item #3 (10:20): EJC Reflections
- Item #4 (11:20): Public Comment #1
- Item #5 (11:35): Break Before Working Lunch
- Item #6 (11:50): Mapping Funding (SB 5520) & Federal Impacts
- Item #7 (12:50): Annual Reports Assignments & Tasks
- Item #8 (13:20): Indicator Selection Status Updates
- Item #9 (13:50) : Legislative Updates
- Item #10 (14:50): Enterprise-wide Policies & Guidance (Prioritization)
- Item #11 (15:30): Public Comment #2
- Item #12 (15:45): EJC Next Steps
- Item #13 (16:00): Adjourn

Environmental Justice Council Members

- Chair Quinn Read
- Vice Chair Valentin Sanchez
- Youth Rep – Danny Cage
- OCAPIA Liaison – Aparna Rajagopal-Durbin
- OCBA Liaison– J'reyesha Brannon
- OCHA Liaison – Vacant
- LCIS Liaison – Vacant
- Jim Kreider
- Tiffany Monroe
- Katie Murray
- Huy Ong
- Victoria (Vee) Paykar
- Amanda Sullivan-Astor



A scenic landscape photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the surrounding scenery. The middle ground is filled with a dense forest of evergreen trees, interspersed with bright yellow wildflowers. In the background, majestic mountains rise against a clear blue sky, with patches of snow visible on their peaks and slopes.

AGENDA ITEM #3

EJC Reflections



Agenda Item #4

Public Comment #1



Agenda Item #5

Break before Working Lunch (return at 11:50 pm)



Agenda Item #6

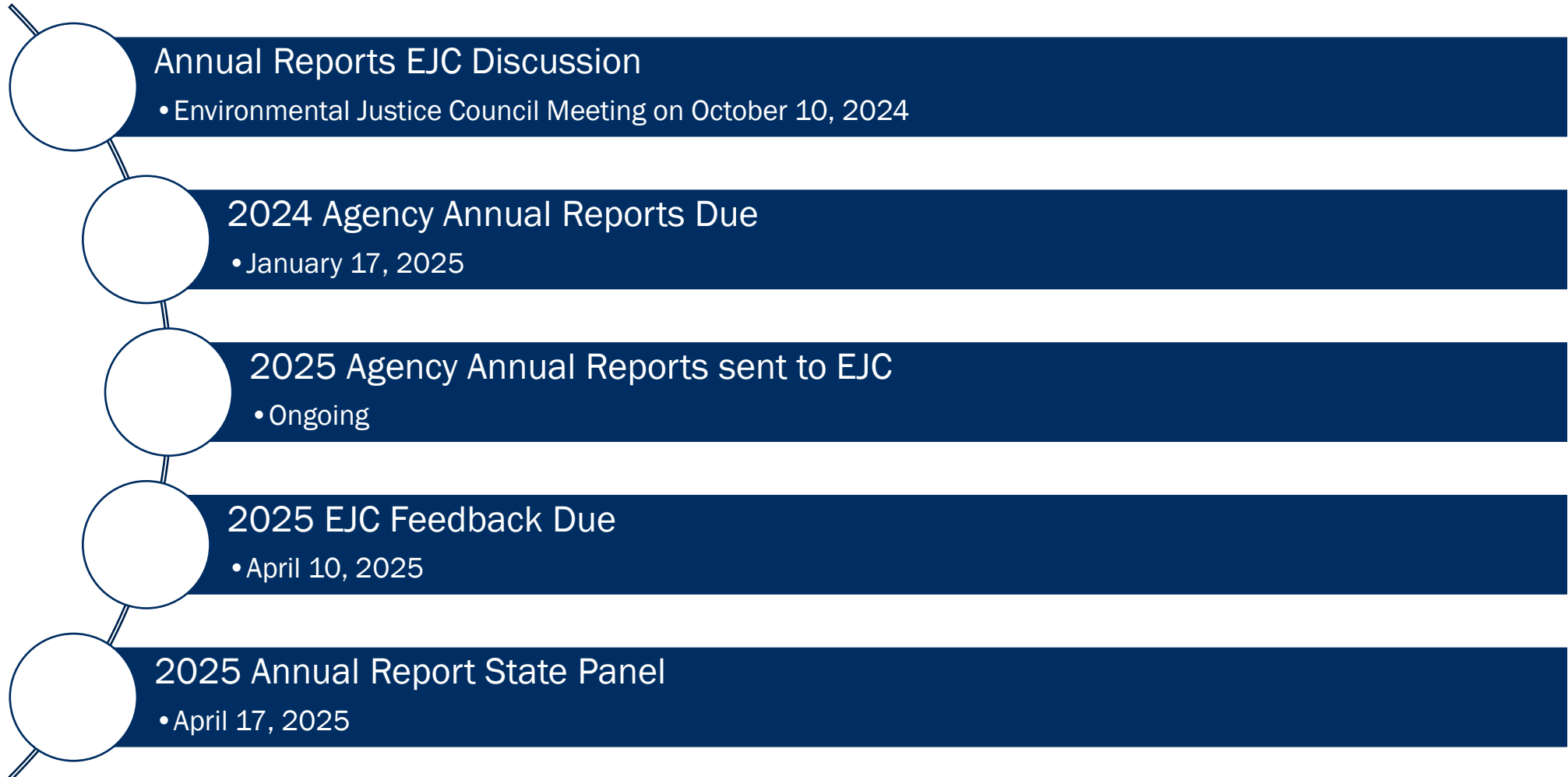
Mapping Funding (SB 5520) & Federal Impacts

A scenic landscape photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the surrounding scenery. The middle ground features a dense forest of evergreen trees, with some deciduous trees showing yellow autumn foliage. In the background, rugged mountains with patches of snow rise against a clear blue sky.

Agenda Item #7

Annual Reports Assignments & Tasks

Annual Report Progress



2023 EJC Review Prompts

1. Is environmental justice included in the agency's strategic plan?
2. What are the agency's funding needs or requests?
3. What are potential environmental justice policy gaps?
4. What are potential agency collaboration gaps?
5. What important initiatives or upcoming environmental justice concerns were identified?
6. What are the environmental justice implementation opportunities did you identify?
7. Please summarize the agency's environmental justice highlights.
8. How effectively is the agency meaningful involvement?
9. Do they have sufficient environmental justice staffing?
10. Do they have sufficient environmental justice training?
11. Do they have sufficient funding to implement environmental justice?

2024 EJC Review Prompt

What agency needs and/or concerns should be elevated to the Environmental Justice Council and Governor's Office?

HB 4077 State Agencies

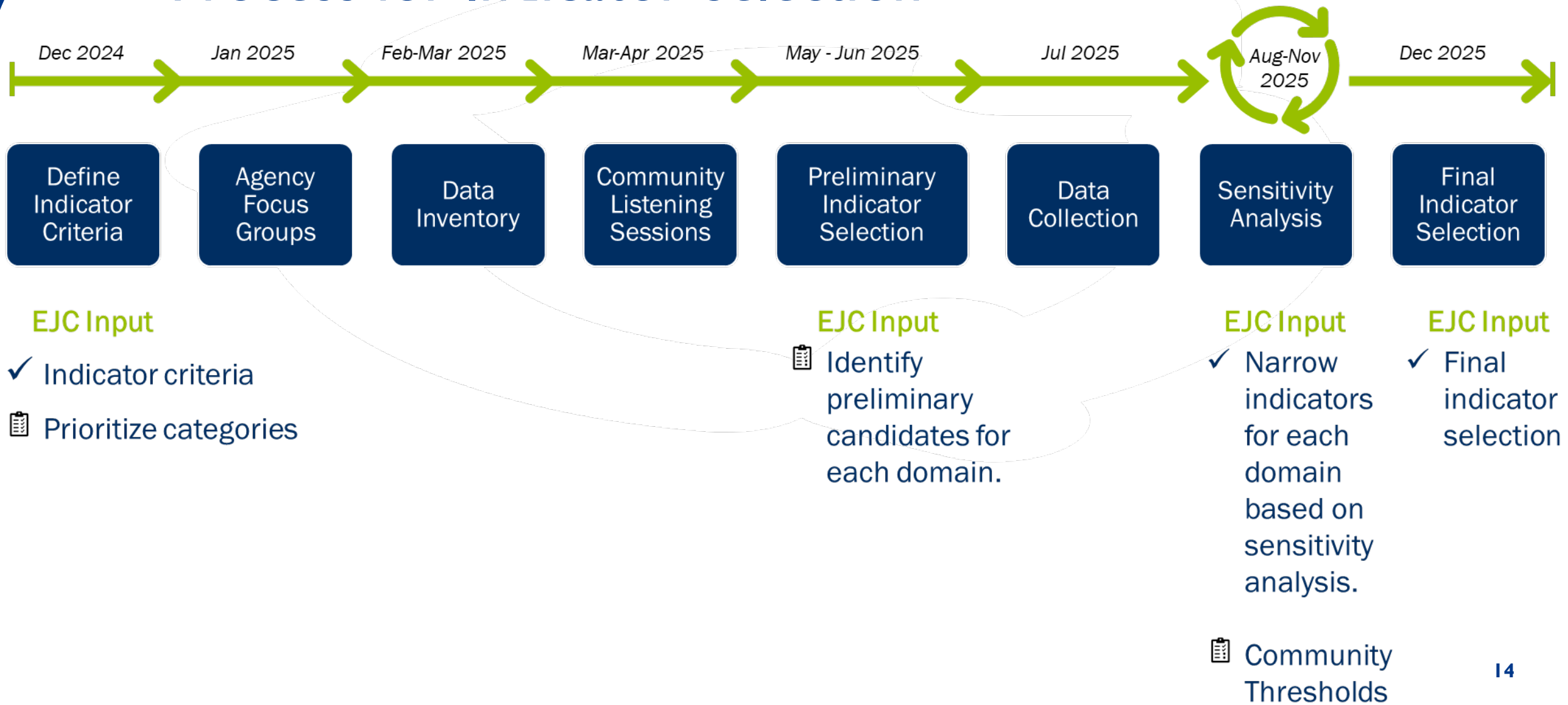
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2. Department of Environmental Quality VP
3. Department of Land Conservation & Development VP
4. Department of Oregon Geology & Mineral Industries KM
5. Department of State Lands JB
6. Department of Forestry JB
7. Department of Fish and Wildlife JB
8. Department of Energy JK
9. Department of Transportation VP
10. Oregon Health Authority JK
11. Parks and Recreation Department ARD
12. Public Utilities Commission JK
13. State Fire Marshal JK
14. State Marine Board JK
15. Watershed Enhancement Board ARD
16. Water Resources Department ARD



Agenda Item #8

Indicator Selection Status Updates

Process for Indicator Selection



DECISION POINTS 1-10

#1

- Indicator domain selection: Completed April 2024

#2

- Geographic units (tracts, grids, etc.): Completed April 2024

#3

- Geographic designations: Completed June 2024
- Geographic comparisons: Completed June 2024

#4

- Domain/indicator weighting: Completed October 2024

#5

- Domain aggregation (multiplicative, additive, etc.): Completed October 2024

#6

- Data standardization (percentiles, z-scores, other): Completed October 2024

#7

- Indicator selection - community listening session priorities and data gaps: Initial Discussion Projected December 2024

#8

- Sensitivity analysis results - revisit indicator selection and data gaps

#9

- EJ community thresholds/flags

#10

- EJ mapping tool visualizations & reporting

DECISION POINT #7 – INDICATOR SELECTION

EJ Indicator Candidate Inventory – Due date: March 1, 2025

- Tab 1 - Instructions
- Tab 2 - Indicator selection criteria
- Tabs for each subdomain

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DECISION POINT #7 – INDICATOR SELECTION

THE REQUEST MADE TO AGENCIES -

- Please submit core environmental justice indicator candidates that reflect the priorities of your agency.
- Adhere to the indicator selection criteria adopted by the EJ Council.
- Refer to existing EJ mapping tool indicators for guidance if you are unfamiliar with environmental justice indicators.
- Rely on your agency subject matter experts who work with the data for your agency recommendations as much as possible.
- Be creative while exploring data sources that can be used to create indicators.

DECISION POINT #7 – INDICATOR SELECTION

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS -

- Measurability – Can the data be easily measured quantitatively?
- Availability – How easily are the data obtained?
- Simplicity – Is the indicator intuitive and easy to interpret?
- Affordability – Are the data collection costs affordable?
- Credibility – Is the indicator trustworthy to the intended audience?
- Relevance – Does the indicator align with goals of tool?

Source: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. 2024. *Constructing Valid Geospatial Tools for Environmental Justice*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. <https://doi.org/10.17226/27317>.

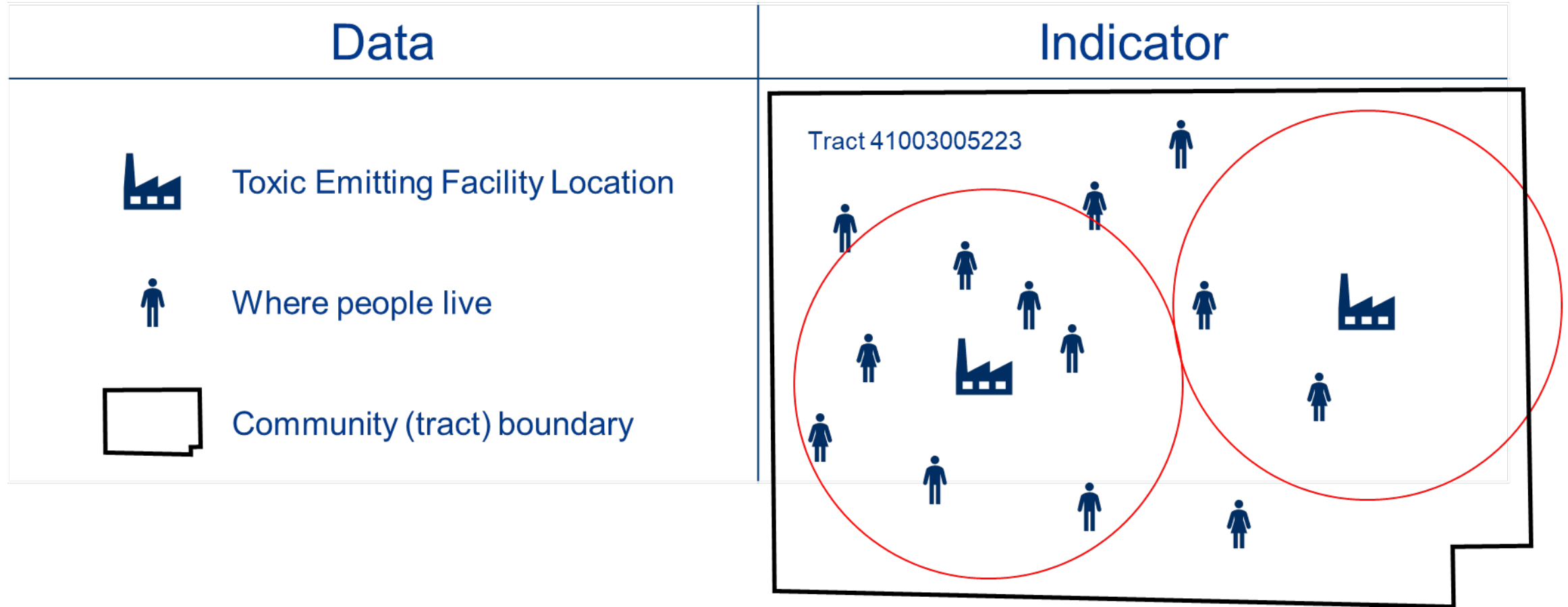
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Indicator Selection Focus Groups – Places Domain (108 in attendance)

- Department of Administrative Services
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Land Conservation and Development
- Department of State Lands
- Oregon Department of Agriculture
- Oregon Department of Energy
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Oregon Health Authority
- Oregon State Fire Marshal
- Oregon State University
- Oregon Water Enhancement Board
- Oregon Water Resources Department
- Portland State University
- Public Utilities Commission
- Oregon Housing and Community Services
- Oregon Department Of Consumer and Business Services
- Multnomah County
- Oregon Metro

DECISION POINT #7 – INDICATOR SELECTION

Data vs Indicators



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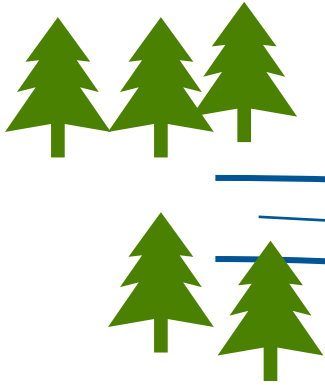
Agency Small Group Meetings on Indicator Selection

- Department Environmental Quality – Air, Land and Water Media
- Department of Administrative Services
- Department of State Lands
- Water Resources Department
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Transportation
- Oregon Health Authority
- Housing and Community Services
- Department of Land Conservation and Development
- Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
- Department of Energy

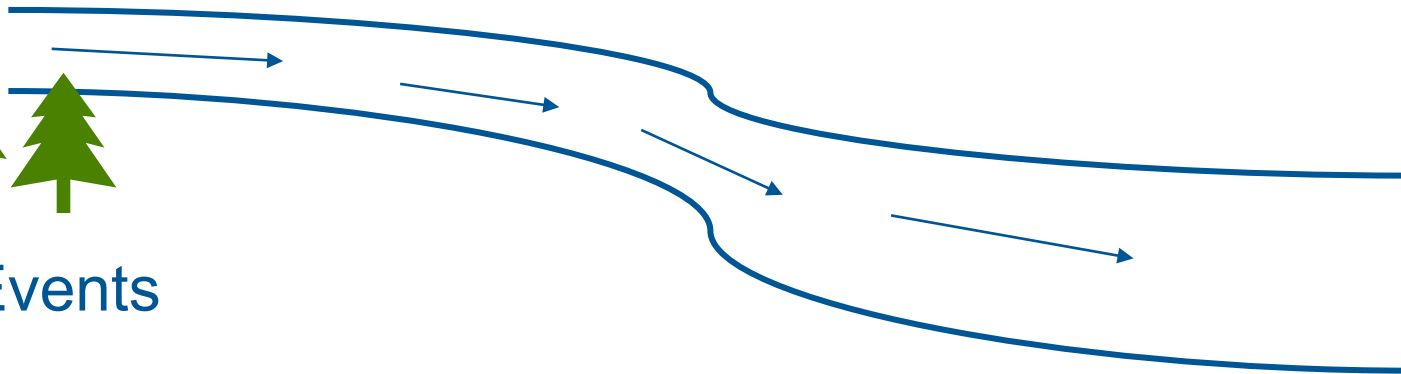
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Census Tract - A

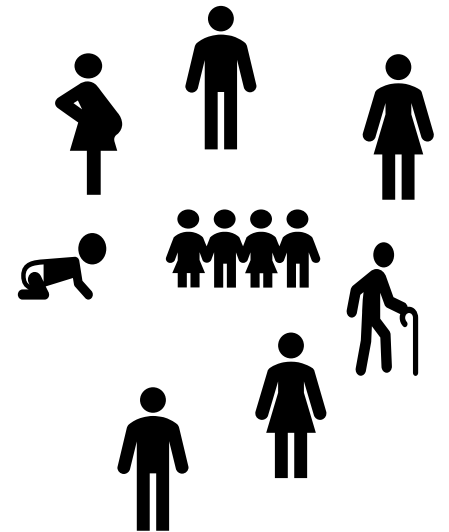
Some natural resources agencies only track environmental conditions that occur upstream.



Upstream Events



Census Tract - B



It can be very challenging to link upstream burdens (e.g., some pollution sources) and benefits (e.g., habitat restoration) to downstream community effects.

Downstream Effects

DECISION POINT #7 – INDICATOR SELECTION

Environmental Justice Mapping Tool Workspace on ArcGIS Online

Environmental Justice Mapping Tool Workspace

OverviewContentMembersSettings

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The Environmental Justice Mapping Tool Workspace Group is available for use by natural resource agencies to collaborate on preparing indicators for the Environmental Justice Mapping Tool.

Any organization

Description

HB4077 has tasked natural resource agencies to work with the Environmental Justice Council to build a mapping tool that helps to identify environmental justice communities.

Recently added content

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State_Grid_Populated_Only_With_Tract

Feature Layer (hosted) | Feb 19, 2025

Updated: Feb 19, 2025

CensusBlocks_2020

Feature Layer (hosted) | Feb 7, 2025

Updated: Feb 7, 2025

BlockPoints2020_HouseHoldDistribution

Feature Layer (hosted) | Feb 7, 2025

Updated: Feb 7, 2025

Invite members

Add items to group

Create web app

Owner

Eric Main
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Details

Number of group members
6

Date created
Jan 24, 2025

Viewable by
Everyone (public)

Contributors
All group members

Members list
Visible to all group members

Link to this group
<https://arcgis.com/join/04vu950>

Tags

EJ Environmental Justice EJC HB4077

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DECISION POINT #7 – INDICATOR SELECTION

NEXT STEPS -

- We will share the agency environmental justice core indicator candidates with the EJ Council prior to the March 2025 information sessions and April 17th EJ Council meeting.
- *The tentative deadline for agencies to submit their indicators for the sensitivity analysis is June 1st, 2025.*
- The EJ Council will be asked to share feedback on indicator candidates with the EJ Mapping Tool Leadership Team during the May information sessions and June 17th EJ Council Meeting.
- We will begin working with the EJ Council to address priority indicators and indicator gaps in June 2025. The discussion will continue until December 31st, 2025.



Agenda Item #9

Legislative Updates

Previous Sessions

2024	2023	2022	2021	2011	2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SB 1561: Consult with Environmental Restoration Council (OWEB) regarding Monsanto settlement strategic priorities*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HB 3409: Consult with EJC regarding energy efficient homes to mitigate impacts of climate change, provide final report to EJC by 12/31/2025 and seek feedback*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SB 1567: Energy Security Plan consultation*• SB 1518: EJTF assist with Resilient Efficient Buildings TF until 12/31/2023• HB 4077: Create EJC & EJ Mapping Tool*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HB 2842: Healthy Home report to EJTF by 9/15/22• HB 2021: Emissions equity metrics & advisory committee*• SCR 17: Consult with EJTF regarding environmental justice*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SB 530: OCAPIA liaison to EJTF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SB 420: Create EJTF

*EJC follow-up needed

EJC Follow-up Needed 2024 and 2023 Sessions

2024 Session: SB 1561

- Description: Consult with Environmental Restoration Council (OWEB) regarding Monsanto settlement strategic priorities
- Agencies Impacted: State Treasury, OWEB, DEQ, ODFW, OHA, AG
- EJC Portion: Section 9 (1)
- Follow-up: Coordinate with OWEB for more information regarding EJC involvement in setting strategic priorities.

2023 Session: HB 3409

- Description: Consult with EJC regarding energy efficient homes to mitigate impacts of climate change, provide final report to EJC by 12/31/2025 and seek feedback
- Agencies Impacted: ODOE, HCSD, OPUC, DEQ, OHA, DCBS
- EJC Portion: Section 2 (2)(e)
- EJC Portion: Section 6 (1)(c)(C)
- EJC Portion: Section 37 (5)(b)(C)
- Follow-up: Coordinate with ODOE regarding setting priorities and actions and dissemination of final report by 12/31/2025

EJC Follow-up Needed 2022 Session

2022 Session: SB 1567

- Description: SB 1567: Energy Security Plan consultation
- Agencies Impacted: ODOE, OPUC, DEQ, ODOT, Aviation, Emergency Management, DOGAMI
- EJC Portion: Section 12 (3)(a)
- Follow-up: Coordinate with ODOE regarding Energy Security Plan consultation with EJC

2022 Session: HB 4077

- Description: Create EJC & EJ Mapping Tool
- Agencies Impacted: DEQ, OHA, DAS and other state agencies
- Follow-up: Continue leading development of EJ Mapping Tool and coordinating with impacted state agencies

EJC Follow-up Needed 2021 Session

2021 Session: HB 2021

- Description: Emissions equity metrics & advisory committee
- Agencies Impacted: ODOE
- EJC Portion: Section 30 (10)(f)
- EJC Portion: Section (32)(1)
- Follow-up: Coordinate with ODOE regarding implementing equity metrics and appointing an EJC member to the Advisory Committee on Community Renewable Investment

2021 Session: SCR 17

- Description: Consult with EJTF regarding environmental justice
- Agencies Impacted: All
- EJC Portion: Resolved, That state agencies will develop guidance for the consideration of environmental justice in implementing their statutory and regulatory responsibilities and will consult with the **Environmental Justice Task Force** to ensure that actions are taken to correct environmental injustices and improve public health and overall well-being of all communities; and be it further

EJC Budget

Administratively held at DEQ

SB 5520

- Contains DEQ biennial appropriation
- EJC Policy & Program Coordinator staffing included in Agency Management
- Funding for future community engagement not included

Next Steps

- Revenue forecast



Agenda Item #10

Enterprise-wide Policies & Guidance

Enterprise-wide Policies & Procedures: State Agency Considerations

EJ Data Archival Needs

- CDC Tools
 - Environmental Justice Index
 - Social Vulnerability Index
 - Social Determinants of Health Places
- Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)
- EJ Screen
- Census Bureau Data
- Other tools as identified

Interpretation & Translation Services

- Interpretation and translation guidelines
- Language determination guidelines
- Availability and quality of state vendor pool
- Oregon Advocacy Commissions role

Participant Compensation

- Participant compensation guidelines
- Approved compensation types and amounts
- Compensation distribution guidance

Technology Needs

- Meaningful involvement guidelines as it relates to technology
- Statewide approved equipment list based on available and relevant technology
- Equitable access equipment guidelines

*EJ Screen data is currently available for download, but the EJ Screen tool has been taken offline.

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Agenda Item #11

Public Comment



Agenda Item #12

Upcoming Tasks

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Set agenda for 4/17/2025 EJC Meeting

- Enterprise-wide Guidance follow-up
- Legislative updates – Agency status
- Indicator Selection Candidates
- Listening Session Updates
- SB 5520 Updates
- Annual Repost State Agency Panel
 - EJC feedback due April 10, 2025

EJC Information Sessions

- March 20, 2025 @ 2:00 PM
- March 21, 2025 @ 11:00 AM

EJ Mapping Listening Sessions

- April 16, 2025 in Astoria, OR
- May 7, 2025 in Woodburn, OR



Agenda Item #13

Council Adjourn



THANK YOU!

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