### April 4, 2022 Environmental Justice Council Meeting Materials

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### **Environmental Justice Council**

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Agenda							
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	I.	Welcome and Introductions	LaKesha Kimbrough, Facilitator				
			Council Members				
Break							
3:00 PM- 3:05 PM	II.	Approval of Agenda	LaKesha Kimbrough				
		-Possible Council Action	Council Members				
3:05 PM – 3:25 PM	III.	II. Today's Agreements/Meeting Norms LaKesha Kimbrougl					
			Council Members				
3:25 PM – 4:05 PM	IV.	HEAL Act Update	Tamara Fife, Department of Health Tribal Relations Director				
			Rowena Pineda, Council Staff				
			Theo Cielos, Council Staff				
			Sierra Rotakhina, Council Staff				
			Council Members				
4:05 PM – 4:15 PM	V.	Start Discussion of what guiding	Sierra Rotakhina				
		documents Council wants (e.g. Bylaws	Council Members				
		or Other Guiding Documents,					
		Agreements/Meeting Norms)					
Break							

4:20 PM – 5:00 PM	VI. Climate Commitment Act Update	Department of Ecology:					
		Rob Dengel					
		Luke Martland					
		Caroline Mellor					
		Claire Boyte-White					
		Council Members					
Break							
5:10 PM – 5:45 PM	VII. Public Comments						
5:45 PM – 5:50 PM	VIII. 2022 Environmental Justice Council LaKesha Kimbrough						
	Meeting Schedule Council Members						
	-Possible Council Action						
5:50 PM – 6:10 PM	IX. Creating Subcommittees	LaKesha Kimbrough					
	-Possible Council Action	Council Members					
6:10 PM – 6:30 PM	X. Check-out and Farewell	LaKesha Kimbrough					
		Council Members					

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**Environmental Justice Council** 

**Date:** April 4, 2022

**To:** Environmental Justice Council Members

From: Rowena Pineda, Environmental Justice Advisor

Subject: April 2022 HEAL Community Engagement Update

Background and Summary:

RCW 70A.02.050 (the HEAL Act) requires that agencies create and adopt community engagement plans by July 1, 2022. The plans explain how agencies plan to "facilitate equitable participation and support meaningful and direct involvement of vulnerable populations and overburdened communities".

Each agency's plan must include information on:

how it will identify and prioritize overburdened communities.

- Best practices for outreach and communication to overcome barriers to engagement with overburdened communities and vulnerable populations.
- Use of special screening tools that integrate environmental, demographic, and health
  disparities data, such as the environmental health disparities map. These are used to
  evaluate and understand the nature and needs of the people who the agency believes
  will be impacted by significant agency actions as well as processes to overcome
  participation barriers.
- Processes that facilitate and support the inclusion of members of communities affected by agency decision making including, to the extent legal and practicable, but not limited to, childcare and reimbursement for travel and other expenses.
- Methods for outreach and communication to those who have barriers to participation (language or otherwise).

Council staff and a subcommittee of the Interagency Work Group are developing a Community Engagement Guide for agencies to follow. This guide will be an iterative document. We will incorporate guidance we receive from the Council and community members into the Guide.

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The Tribal Liaisons Work Group developed a Tribal Engagement Plan. The Tribal Engagement Plan identifies three types of engagement:

- 1) Government-to-Government
- 2) Facilitated engagement through Agency Tribal Relations Director
- 3) Direct engagement with Indigenous communities

### Council Staff Recommended Action:

Creation of a Community Engagement Subcommittee to review and provide guidance on the Community Engagement Guide.

### Staff

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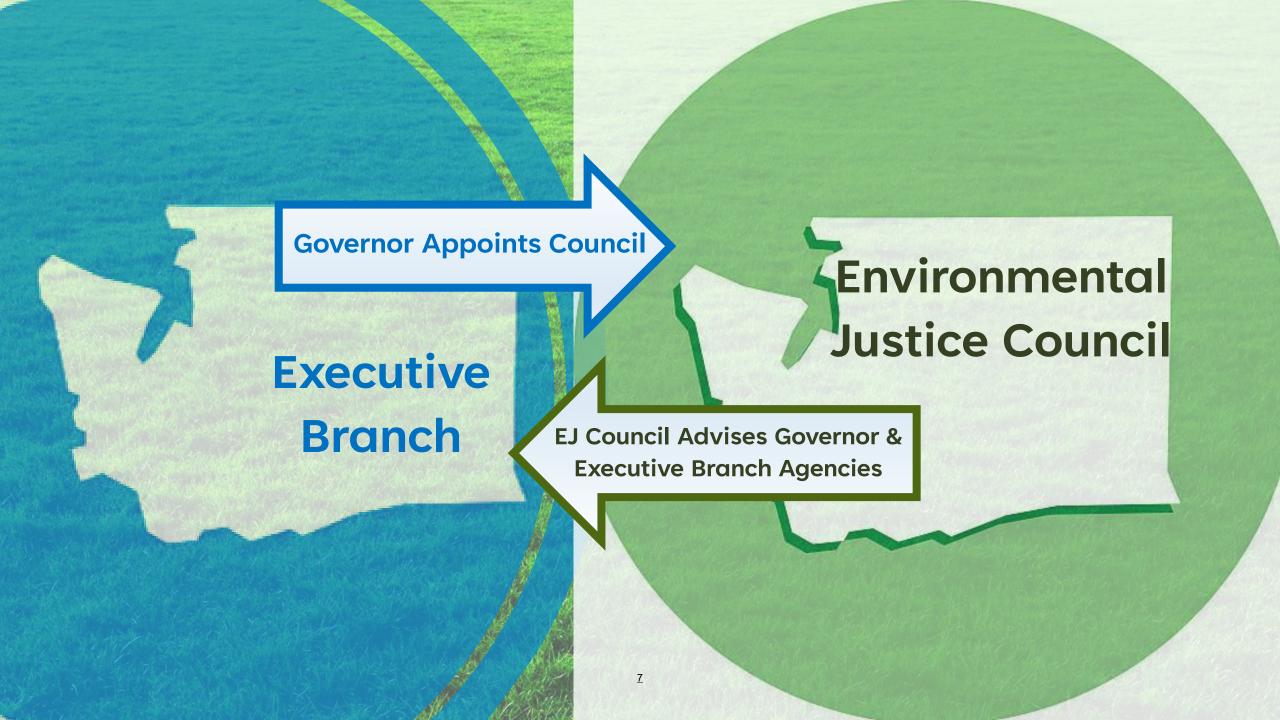
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## **HEAL Act Implementation**

Environmental Justice Council

Agency Implementation



### **Environmental Justice Council**

Co-Chair, Vacant

Co-Chair, Vacant

**4 Members Representing Tribal Communities** 

7 Community Representatives Including 1 Youth

2 EJ Practitioner/Academic Representatives

**1** Business Representative

1 Building/Construction Trade Union Rep.

1 At-Large Representative

7 Non-voting Agency Representatives

## **Environmental Justice Council**

## **Council Subcommittees**

**Environmental Justice Advisor** 

Rowena Pineda

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**Council Staff** 

Sierra Rotakhina

EJ Council Manager

Theo Cielos

Community Outreach
Coordinator

# Environmental Justice Council Implementation

Community Forum

**Guidance for Covered Agencies** 

**Agency Accountability** 



## Washington State Agencies

EJ Interagency Work Group Staffed by EJ Council Staff

Agencies Required to Implement HEAL

Agriculture

**Natural Resources** 

Commerce

Transportation

Health

Ecology

**Puget Sound Partnership** 

Agencies Opting In

Attorney General's Office

Agencies Joined in a "Listen & Learn" Capacity

**Recreation and Conservation Office** 

Fish and Wildlife

State Board of Health

## State Agency Implementation

**Environmental Justice Interagency Work Group** 

Adopt community engagement plans

Incorporate
environmental
justice into agency
strategic plans

Incorporate
environmental
justice into
budget &
funding
decisions

Conduct environmental justice assessments

## **Washington State Agencies**

### **HEAL Tribal Liaison Work Group**

Leading development of Tribal Engagement elements of Community Engagement Guide in coordination with Community Engagement Subcommittee of the EJ Interagency Work Group

Tribal Liaisons from Agencies Implementing HEAL

Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

**EJ Council Staff** 

Liaison to the EJ Interagency Work Group

**EJ Interagency Work Group**Staffed by EJ Council Staff

HEAL Internal Education and Capacity
Building Subcommittee

Community Engagement Subcommittee



### GOAL

To create a community engagement guide that centers community to be used by covered and opt-in agencies.

## **Community Engagement Guide**

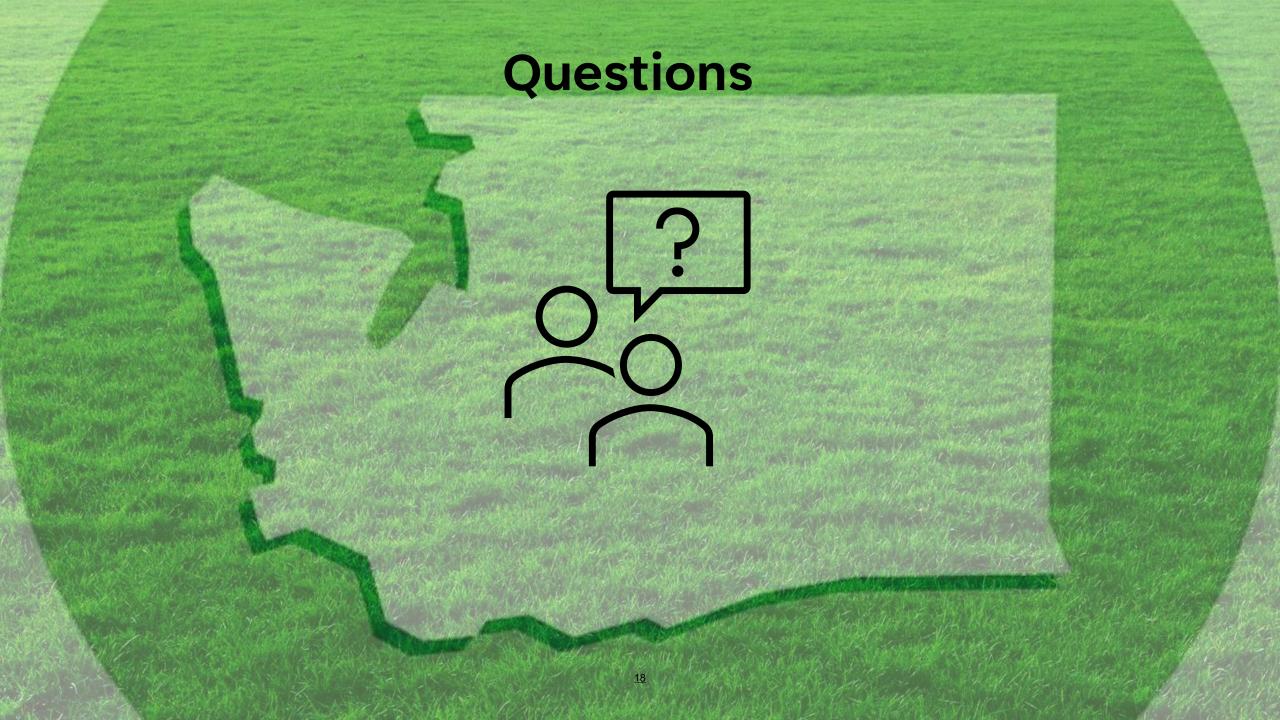
Creation of a Community Engagement Guide that is:

- √ Centers Community
- ✓ An Iterative, living document (meaning that it will change and grow with community & council input)
- ✓ Collaborative across agencies

### **Process**

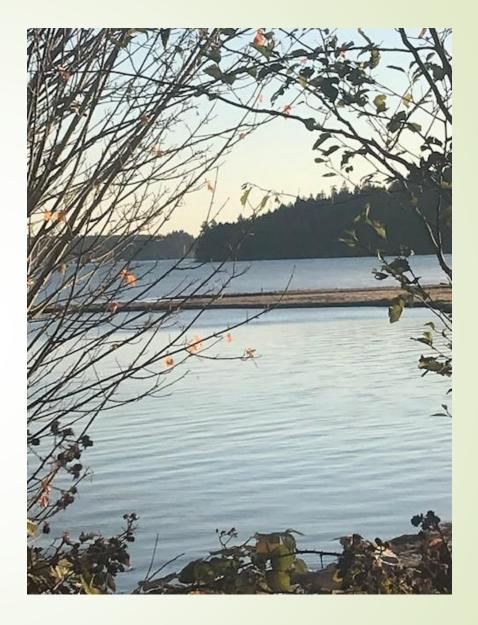
The Community Engagement Subcommittee identified 3 interconnected parts that need to be done. The materials being developed are living documents, meant to evolve and improve over time.

- #1: Creation of a common community engagement guide.
- #2: Assessment of community engagement by covered and opt-in agencies, paying particular attention to barriers and best practices.
- #3: Community listening sessions to get feedback on the community engagement guide (#1).



Tribal
Engagement
Guidance for
Community
Engagement
Plan

A Collaboration of Tribal Liaison Staff from State Agencies



## Tribal Engagement Guidance

The tribal engagement section of the community engagement plan will include information about agency work specific to environmental justice and tribes and ensure that communication/collaboration happens early and often.

## Agencies mandated by statute:

- ■Health (Tamara Fife)
- ■Ecology (Tyson Oreiro)
- Commerce (Michelle Gladstone-Wade)
- Dagriculture (Evan Sheffels, Nicole Johnson)
- Transportation (Megan Cotton)
- ■Natural Resources (Glenda Breiler)
- Puget Sound Partnership (Melissa Schutten, Lea-Anne Burke)

# Agencies that can opt in:

- ■State Board of Health (Michelle Davis)
- DAttorney General's Office (Asa Washines)
- □Fish and Wildlife (Jim Wood)

## Questions?

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**Environmental Justice Council** 

**Date:** April 4, 2022

To: Environmental Justice Council Members

From: Sierra Rotakhina, Environmental Justice Council Manager

**Subject:** Council Guiding Documents

Background and Summary:

The Environmental Justice Council will need to decide on foundational documents to guide its work and operations. The scope of this agenda item is to discuss the types of documents Council members are interested in developing. The goal of this discussion is to give Council staff guidance on the resources and draft documents staff should develop for further Council discussion at an upcoming Council meeting. Examples of guiding document include, but are not

limited to:

Vision statement

Mission statement

Charter

Bylaws

Meeting norms/agreements

• Environmental Justice Principles

Council Staff Recommended Actions:

We are not recommending any formal actions today. We are looking for guidance on what resources to develop to support the Council in adopting guiding documents.

Staff

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**Environmental Justice Council** 

**Date:** April 4, 2022

**To:** Environmental Justice Council Members

From: Sierra Rotakhina, Environmental Justice Council Manager

Subject: April 2022 Climate Commitment Act Update

**Background and Summary:** 

The Climate Commitment Act (<u>Chapter 70A.65 RCW</u>), requires the Environmental Justice Council (Council) to provide implementation recommendations to agencies. For example, the Council will provide recommendations for the development and implementation of the cap and invest program; the distribution of money from the funds created by the Act; and the establishment of programs, activities, and projects to achieve environmental justice and

environmental health goals.

Department of Ecology staff will provide an update on the Climate Commitment Act. Followed by a dialogue with the Council on how the Council wants to engage in this work. Department of Ecology partners presenting today:

• Rob Dengel, Air Quality Program Deputy Manager

• Luke Martland, Climate Commitment Act Implementation Manager

• Caroline Mellor, Environmental Justice Planner, Climate Commitment Act

Claire Boyte-White, Climate Commitment Act Communications Consultant

Council Staff Recommended Action:

No action recommended by staff.

Staff

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# Climate Commitment Act Cap-and-Invest Program Overview Washington State Environmental Justice Council

## Rulemaking





- •By law, Washington's cap-and-invest program must be in place by January 2023. To meet this deadline, Ecology was required to begin rulemaking on some aspects of the program before the EJ Council had been empaneled.
- In order to adopt this rule in time, Ecology plans to issue its formal proposal for the cap-and-invest rule for public comment in May. The state's Administrative Procedures Act requires Ecology to issue a formal proposal, hold public hearings, and formally respond to all public comments received.
- •Ecology is dedicated to providing the Council with the educational resources it needs to be able to participate meaningfully in the upcoming formal comment period for the Chapter 173-446 rule.

## **Rulemaking Timeline**

	CR101 Announcement	Listening Sessions	CR102 Proposal	CR103 Adoption
GHG Reporting Updating WAC 173-441	July 7, 2021	July 22, 2021	Oct. 13, 2021	Feb. 9, 2022
CCA Cap & Invest New Chapter WAC 173-446	Aug. 4, 2021	Nov. 8, 2021 Dec. 16, 2021 Jan. 11, 2022	May 2022	October 2022
EITEs New Chapter WAC 173-446A	Aug. 4, 2021	Sept. 21, 2021	Dec. 22, 2021	June 2022

## **Future Rulemaking**

Ecology anticipates additional public engagement on the Chapter 173-446 rule at various potential points in the future, such as when we begin implementation of new Washington offset protocols.

There may also be additional rulemakings as Ecology works to build out other aspects of the CCA.

All new rulemakings will undergo a separate public process, with both formal and informal comment periods.

In future rulemakings, Ecology looks forward to being able to engage the Council more directly through community outreach events, listening sessions, and other engagement opportunities to ensure that we're hearing from the Washington communities that suffer most from the effects of air pollution.

## **Program Basics**





- The cap-and-invest program is a trading program for compliance instruments.
- •Entities must obtain, and remit to Ecology, Emissions Allowances or Offset Credits equal to their GHG emissions each year. Limits apply to the use of offset credits.
- •The number of available Emissions Allowances decreases each year, pushing emitters to find the most efficient ways to decarbonize.
- •Entities that are out of compliance can face steep fines of up to \$10,000 \$50,000 per violation, per day, depending on the reason for the violation.

## What Counts as a 'Covered Emissions'

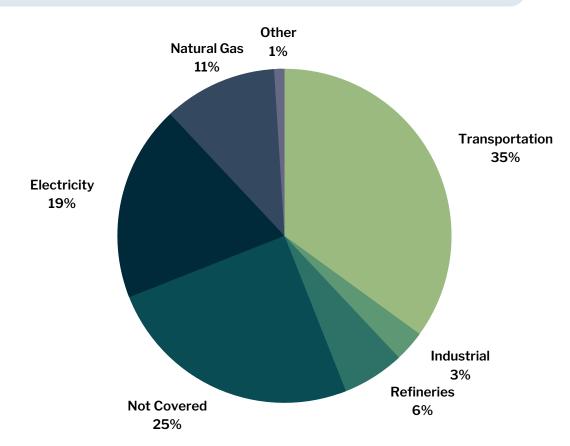
Roughly 75% of statewide emissions are considered 'covered' under the CCA, while the remaining 25% are designated as exempt.

### Covered Emissions - 75%

- Emissions from:
  - Gasoline and on-road diesel
  - Electricity consumed in WA state
  - Facilities generating more than 25,000 metric tons per year of GHG emissions.
  - Natural gas distributed to homes and commercial businesses
  - Waste-to-energy facilities, beginning in 2027
  - Railroads beginning in 2031

### Not Covered - 25%

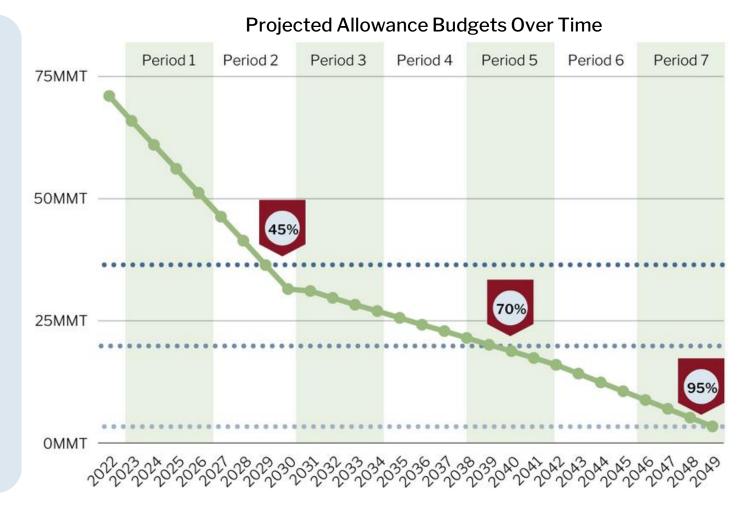
- Emissions from:
  - Agricultural operations
  - Businesses with fewer than 25,000 metric tons per year of GHG emissions
  - Aviation fuels and most marine fuels



## **Allowance Budget Reductions**

To keep Washington on track to meet its emissions reduction targets, the Allowance Budget decreases each year.

This graph shows the predicted Allowance Budgets through 2049, based on the proportionate reduction in covered emissions required for Washington to meet it's statutory obligation of reducing emissions by 95% by 2050.



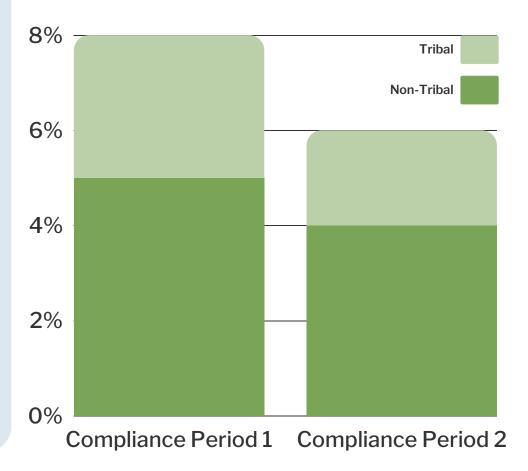
## Offset Requirements & Limits

For an offset project to qualify under the CCA, it must meet the following requirements:

- Result in greenhouse gas reductions or removals that are real, permanent, quantifiable, verifiable, and enforceable.
- Reduce, remove, or avoid emissions that are <u>not</u> covered by the cap-and-invest or other programs to avoid double counting of emissions reductions.
- Result in emissions reductions <u>in addition</u> to those which would normally or naturally occur without the financial incentive provided by the program.
- Provide direct environmental benefits to the state or be located in a jurisdiction with which Washington has entered into a linkage agreement.

Initial projects include: improved forest management, avoided forest conversion, reforestation, manure management on dairy and cattle farms, and urban tree planting and management.

### Percentage of Entity's Compliance Obligation Eligible to be Covered by Offsets



## Allocation of Funds from CCA Auctions

### **CERA**

#### **Carbon Emissions Reduction Account**

Subject to Legislative appropriation: Funding for carbon emissions reduction in the Transportation sector.

Per section 12, the auction proceeds identified below must first be deposited into the CERA each FY. The remaining proceeds are deposited into the CIA and AQHDIA.

FY23 (6 months): \$127,341,000

FY24: \$356,697,000 FY25: \$366,558,000 FY26: \$359,117,000

FY27 (6 Months): \$179,558,500

TOTAL 1st Period: \$1,389,271,500

### CIA

### **Climate Investment Account**

Subject to Legislative appropriation: Funding is for projects that support the transition to clean energy, build ecosystem resilience, and support carbon sequestration. Up to 5% of these funds may also be used for program administrative costs.

FY23 (6 months): \$73,272,259

FY24: \$77,271,977 FY25: \$67,657,286 FY26: \$72,732,184

FY27 (6 Months): \$50,708,058

TOTAL 1st Period: \$341,641,764

After admin costs to implement the CCA are covered, the State Treasurer will distribute 75% of the remaining funds to the Climate Commitment Account and 25% of the funds to the Natural Climate Solutions Account.

### **AQHDIA**

### Air Quality & Health Disparities Improvement Account

Subject to Legislative appropriation: Funding is for reducing criteria pollutants and health disparities in overburdened communities.

Funding intent in statute, section 31(3): \$20M/biennium, beginning FY23.

FY23 (6 months): \$20,000,000

FY24: \$10,000,000 FY25: \$10,000,000 FY26: \$10,000,000

FY27 (6 Months): \$5,000,000

TOTAL 1st Period: \$55,000,000

<sup>\*</sup>Revenue is estimated based on the final fiscal note submitted for E2SSB 5126 as passed by the 2021 Legislature



# The Improving Air Quality in Overburdened Communities Initiative (Section 3, CCA)

This initiative within the Climate Commitment Act is a new opportunity to address air pollution in communities that are most impacted by air quality.





## **Government Agency Partnerships**

Local Clean Air Agencies

Tribes

State Agencies - Department of Health

Federal Agencies – Environmental Protection Agency





# The Improving Air Quality in Overburdene Communities Initiative (Section 3, CCA)

### Requires Ecology to:

- Identify communities that bear a disproportionate burden from air pollution.
- Expand air quality monitoring in these overburdened communities.
- Establish air quality targets in these areas.
- Identify and notify the largest sources of these emissions.
- Review and evaluate air quality in these areas.
- Establish air quality standards, emission standards, or emissions limits to achieve the air quality targets

# Process to Identify Communities – Public Outreach



Informal Public Process: January – March 2022

Listening sessions, survey, comment map

Environmental Justice Council



Formal Public Process: June 2022

Feedback on draft criteria and areas for further analysis

Environmental Justice Council



Final List of Overburdened Communities: August 2022

Outreach to share results

Fall 2022: Outreach on monitor placement process

Environmental Justice Council

## **Opportunities and Limitations**



Opportunity to reduce specific pollutants

Included

To incorporate public feedback at multiple stages of the process

Expanded air quality monitoring and public data in these communities

Not Included

Limited ability to determine individual pollution sources

Limited ability to address natural sources (e.g. wildfire)



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### What are Criteria Pollutants?

### The Six Criteria Pollutants

Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>)

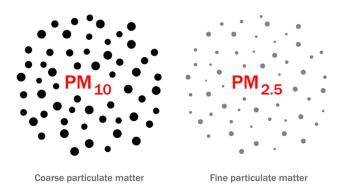
Ground-level Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)

Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)

Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Lead (Pb)



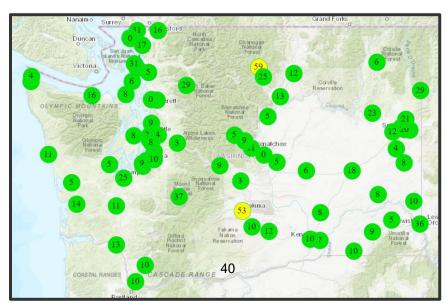
- Regulated by National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
  - Standards are set to protect the health of sensitive populations
- A few examples of sources:
  - Wood stoves, outdoor burning
  - Transportation Motor vehicles
  - Industrial sources
  - Natural sources

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## **Basics of Air Monitoring**



- 75 ambient air monitoring sites across WA in the Ecology network
  - Ambient air monitors are located in public, outdoor areas representative of where people live, work, and play
  - Operated by Ecology or local, federal, and tribal partners
- Different types of monitors are used depending on:
  - Purpose: Public information, compliance, supporting research
  - Pollutant type





### What can ambient air monitoring tell us?

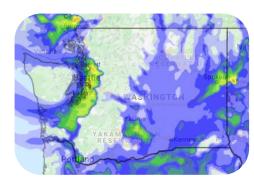
<ul> <li>Public information on air quality conditions</li> <li>Accessible to public on Ecology's website, weather apps, etc.</li> <li>Informs public health decisions on school closures, burn bans, etc.</li> </ul>	<b>✓</b>
Inform pollution reduction efforts	<b>✓</b>
Inform air pollution research studies	<b>√</b>
Compliance with federal air quality standards	Depends
Key categories of pollution sources (e.g. wood burning, motor vehicles, industrial sources, etc.)	Limited
Emissions from individual sources (e.g. specific roadways, buildings, industrial sites, etc.)	X



# Process to Identify Communities – Sources of information



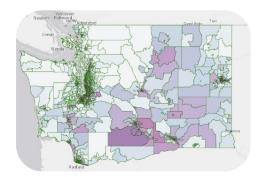
Monitoring



Modeling



Emissions Inventory



Environmental Health Disparities Map



Socioeconomic & Population Data



Public/Partner Input

## **Next Steps**



Survey and comment map: Open through this Thursday, 4/4 (11:59 p.m.)

Late May: Outreach on draft criteria and ways Ecology used input

June: Formal public process for feedback on draft criteria

Next year (2023): Additional public processes to develop emission control strategies



# **Takeaways**

- ➤ New opportunity in Washington to address criteria air pollution in environmental justice communities.
- Multiple stages of public input.
- Ecology looks forward to working with the EJ Council.
- ➤ Related to Washington's Cap and Invest program for funding of future emission control strategies.
- Implications for identified overburden communities:
  - Likely new regulatory standards
  - New emission control mechanisms
  - Funding to address criteria air pollution

### Questions and Resources





- We have provided this meeting's host with a PDF of informational resources and links that will help you learn more about our current rulemakings, where we are in the process, and how you can participate.
- If you have any questions not addressed by these resources or need further information on any of the covered topics, please feel free to reach out to Claire Boyte-White at: claire.boyte-white@ecy.wa.gov.



#### Climate Commitment Act Links and Resources

#### **General Information**

**Climate Commitment Act Webpage** 

www.ecology.wa.gov/CCA

Sign Up for Climate Commitment Act Email Updates

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic\_id=WAECY\_15

State Law Text (RCW 70A.65)

https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.65

#### Rulemaking

#### **General Rulemaking FAQ**

https://ecology.wa.gov/Footer/rulemaking/Rulemaking-FAQ

#### Chapter 173-446 WAC, Cap-and-Invest Program Rules and Structure

This rulemaking will establish a structure for the cap-and-invest program that may include, but is not limited to:

- Program registration requirements
- Methods and procedures for allocating allowances
- Allowance budgets for the first compliance period (2023–2026)
- Auction registration requirements
- Auction floor price
- Emissions containment reserve
- Procedures and protocols for establishing offset projects
- Enforcement provisions
- Transfer and sale of allowances and recognition of compliance instruments

Other elements to support the operation and function of the cap-and-invest program

Rule Webpage: <a href="https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC-173-446">https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC-173-446</a>

Draft Rule Language (January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022): <a href="https://ecology.wa.gov/DOE/files/ad/add4891c-0c4e-4253-a784-d02051c77633.pdf">https://ecology.wa.gov/DOE/files/ad/add4891c-0c4e-4253-a784-d02051c77633.pdf</a>

#### Chapter 173-446A WAC, Emissions-Intensive, Trade-Exposed Entities

This rulemaking relates to the future establishment of new emissions-intensive, tradeexposed (EITE) entities in Washington. This rule may:

- Establish criteria to identify emissions-intensive, trade-exposed (EITE) industries that will be eligible for no-cost allowances.
- Consider the locations of potential emissions-intensive, trade-exposed businesses in relation to overburdened communities while developing the criteria.
- Include requirements necessary to support the above items, the overall objectives of the statute or chapter, or the goals of the Climate Commitment Act.

Rule Webpage: <a href="https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC-173-446A">https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC-173-446A</a>

#### Chapter 173-441 WAC, Emissions Reporting and Verification (Effective March 12, 2022)

On February 9, 2022, Ecology updated Chapter 173-441 WAC, Reporting of Emissions of Greenhouse Gases, as directed by Section 33 of the Climate Commitment Act. This rule:

- Adds natural gas suppliers, carbon dioxide suppliers, and electric power entities to the existing greenhouse gas reporting program.
- Replaces the existing transportation fuel supplier program with a program that is compatible with the Climate Commitment Act.
- Updates greenhouse gas reporting requirements to support the Climate Commitment Act and facilitates program linkage with other jurisdictions.
- Adds program elements to support the verification of greenhouse gas reporting data.
- Modifies administrative provisions, such as deadlines and greenhouse gas reporting fees.
- Includes requirements necessary to support the above items, the overall objectives of the statute or chapter, or the goals of the Climate Commitment Act.
- Makes administrative changes for correction or clarification.

Rule Webpage: <a href="https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC-173-441">https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC-173-441</a>

Adopted Rule Language (February 9, 2022):

https://ecology.wa.gov/DOE/files/53/533eec8a-faf6-4a2e-afce-278d404caad6.pdf

#### **Environmental Justice**

#### **Environmental Justice at Ecology**

https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Who-we-are/Environmental-Justice

#### **Environmental Justice Callouts in the CCA**

Environmental Justice Review (RCW 70A.65.020):

https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.65.020

Environmental Justice Assessment (RCW 70A.65.030):

https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.65.030

Environmental Justice Council (RCW 70A.65.040):

https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.65.040

#### Improving Air Quality in Overburdened Communities Initiative

Initiative Webpage: <a href="https://ecology.wa.gov/Air-Climate/Climate-change/Reducing-greenhouse-gases/Climate-Commitment-Act/Overburdened-communities">https://ecology.wa.gov/Air-Climate/Climate-change/Reducing-greenhouse-gases/Climate-Commitment-Act/Overburdened-communities</a>

Interactive Storymap and Survey:

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1409205ca61847faa4194072330709cd

Sign Up for Email Updates:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic\_id=WAECY\_217

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**Environmental Justice Council** 

**Date:** April 4, 2022

To: Environmental Justice Council Members

From: Sierra Rotakhina, Environmental Justice Council Manager

Subject: Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2022 and First Quarter of 2023

Background and Summary:

RCW 70A.02.110 specifies that meetings of the Environmental Justice Council (Council) are subject to the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW). RCW 42.30.075 requires the Council to file a schedule of regular meetings with the Code Revisor to be published in the Washington State Register. Once the Council has adopted a 2022 meeting schedule, staff will file the schedule with the Code Revisor. The Council can make changes to the meeting schedule, but the changes must be published in the State Register for distribution at least twenty days prior to the rescheduled meeting date. The Council can also call special meetings under RCW 42.30.080 as long as the public is notified at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Staff have developed a proposed meeting schedule that includes meetings held at various days of the week and times of the day, to see which meeting days and times are the most accessible to community members. The Council could make changes to the proposed meeting schedule if it finds that certain days or times works best for community members to attend.

Council Staff Recommended Actions:

The Council may wish to consider, amend if necessary, and adopt the following motion:

The Council adopts the proposed Meeting Schedule for 2022 and First Quarter of 2023 with any changes agreed upon by the Council members during discussion of the proposed agenda at its April 4, 2022 meeting.

Staff

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### Environmental Justice Council 2022 and First Quarter 2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Location
Monday	Virtual Only
April 4, 2022	Join Zoom meeting:
2:00pm-6:30pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85252692400
	Or join by phone: +1 253 215 8782
	Meeting ID: 852 5269 2400
Tuesday	Virtual Only
May 24, 2022	
2:00pm-6:30pm	
Thursday	To be determined
June 23, 2022	
10:00am-3:00pm	
Saturday	To be determined
August 27, 2022	
10:00am-3:00pm	

Thursday	To be determined
October 27, 2022	
3:00pm-7:30pm	
Wednesday	To be determined
December 13, 2022	
2:00pm-6:30pm	
Tuesday	To be determined
February 28, 2023	
3:00pm-7:30pm	
Wednesday	To be determined
April 26, 2023	
2:30pm-7:00pm	

Time and locations subject to change as needed. See <u>Environmental Justice</u>

<u>Council | WaPortal.org</u> for the most current information.

Last updated 03/30/2022

**Environmental Justice Council** 

**Date:** April 4, 2022

To: Environmental Justice Council Members

From: Sierra Rotakhina, Environmental Justice Council Manager

**Subject:** Creating Subcommittees

Background and Summary:

The Environmental Justice Council (Council) may choose to develop subcommittees to focus on specific work. The Council bylaws or other guiding documents may outline the structure of these subcommittees. Considerations may include size, leadership structure, and whether

subcommittees will include members of the public.

Council staff recommend that the Council discuss whether to create subcommittees. Staff recommend discussing subcommittee structure at an upcoming Council meeting when bylaws or other guiding documents are adopted.

Council Staff Recommended Actions:

The Council may wish to consider, amend if necessary, and adopt the following motion:

The Environmental Justice Council directs staff to begin the work of establishing Council subcommittees on [insert subcommittee topics].

Staff

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