

Environmental Justice Council 2025-2026 Workplan: Adopted May 9, 2025

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Council Meeting Dates		5/9		7/24		9/25	10/23		12/4	2026 Council Meetings Not Yet Scheduled											
ONGOING: Tribal and Community Priorities (Ongoing and responsive work)	Reserving capacity to focus on Tribal and community priorities and emerging issues.																				
ONGOING: Tribal and Community Engagement (Ongoing to address tasks in Appendix A and for continued improvement and accountability)	This project includes the tasks listed in Appendix A that the project workgroup will scope, sequence, and build into a timeline.																				
PROJECT 1: HEAL Performance Metrics	Develop performance metrics for the Council and HEAL. This project includes the tasks listed in Appendix B .																				
PROJECT 2: HEAL EJ Assessment Guidance	Develop guidance for HEAL agencies for implementation of Environmental Justice Assessments.																				
PROJECT 3: HEAL Budgeting and Funding Guidance	Develop guidance for EJ implementation into budgeting and funding decisions.																				
PROJECT 4: CCA Budget Recommendations	Advocate for and track budget recommendations during Legislative session. Work with partners in the interim to adopt budget recommendations as they are ready.	Identify and Develop								Advocate and Track				Identify and Develop							
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Updates and Presentations from Tribes and Communities	Identify time throughout the year to hear Tribes and communities, including HEAL Capacity Grantees.								Hold to meet if needed												
Discussion/Adoption: CCA Budget Recommendations (Year- Round Process)	CCA Budget Recommendations will be on Council agendas for discussion and adoption as they are ready year-round.																				
Briefing: CCA Air Quality in Overburdened Communities Grant Program (date for briefing to be determined)	Learn about Ecology's Air Quality in Overburdened Communities Grant recipients and their specific project details. Provide feedback if needed.																				

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Briefing: Expanding Air Monitoring (date for briefing to be determined)	Learn about Ecology’s work to add air monitors in overburdened communities.																				
Adoption: Council 2025-2026 Workplan	Amendments to this draft workplan as needed and adoption.																				
Adoption: Ethics Procedure and Form	Adoption of ethics procedure and form (needed to implement Ethics Article of the Council’s Bylaws).																				
Briefing: CCA Rulemaking for Improving Air Quality for Overburdened Communities.	Briefing from Ecology on Rulemaking for Improving Air Quality for Overburdened Communities.																				
Discussion: Periodic Review of the Pilot Approach to Work Planning	Discuss how the new pilot approach to work planning is going three months in to the pilot.																				
Discussion: Council Legislative Statement/Positions	Discuss Council’s legislative positions in preparation for the 2026 Legislative session.																				
Briefing: CCA Linkage	Briefing from Ecology: Linking Washington’s Cap and Invest program to California & Quebec programs.																				
Discussion: Periodic review of Pilot Approach to Work Planning and 2026 Council Meeting Schedule and Workplan	Discuss how the new pilot approach to work planning is going and changes needed for the Council’s 2026 meeting schedule/workplan.																				
Adoption: Council Legislative Statement/Positions	Adopt Council’s legislative positions for the 2026 Legislative session.																				
Adoption: EJ Council Legislative Update Metrics Developed to Date	Adopt legislatively required update to the public, Legislature, and Governor. Due December 1, 2025.																				
Adoption: 2026 Council Meeting Schedule and Workplan	Adopt the Council’s 2026 meeting schedule and workplan (with any needed changes to pilot approach).																				
Project Workgroups Agenda Item	Agenda items will be added based on the timelines developed by project workgroups for projects outlined in workplan above.																				

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Executive Committee Elections	The current Executive Committee terms end on January 29, 2027. Elections will need to be held at the end of 2026.																				Hold elections on last scheduled 2026 meeting.
Discussion and Adoption: 2027 Council Meeting Schedule and Workplan	Discuss and adopt 2027 meeting schedule and updated or new workplan for 2027-2028.																				Adopt 2027 schedule and workplan at end of 2026.

Appendix A: Tasks for Tribal and Community Engagement Project Workgroup

Task	Description of Task
MOU between the EJ Council and Department of Health	Develop an MOU between Dept. of Health and the EJ Council to cover data ownership, IT & HR support, etc.
Data Protections Policy & Procedure	Develop Council policy/procedure to protect information collected through public comment, etc.
EJ Council Communications Plan	Develop Council communications goals, process, and outcomes. This is a precursor to the full engagement plans.
Confidential & Anonymous Public Comments	Develop protocol or policy for if and how the Council will accept confidential and anonymous public comments.
Public Comment Process	Develop formalized process for collecting, analyzing, and being responsive to public comments.
Public Comment Database	Develop database for public comment intake, tracking, and analysis.
Council Tribal Engagement Plan and/or Collaboration/Consultation Policy	Develop plan/policy for how we will engage Tribes when the Council takes actions/makes recommendations that impact Tribes.
Council Community Engagement Plan	Develop plan for how the Council will engage and work with communities.
Public Comment Dashboard	Develop a way to display public comments, EJC actions taken to be responsive, status, etc.
May 2024 Community Meeting Follow Up	Continue to work with community members on next steps from the May 2024 community meeting in Toppenish.
Community Engagement Values and Guidance Appendix	Finalize appendix to support interpretation of Council's Community Engagement Values and Guidance.

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Appendix B: Tasks Related to HEAL Performance Metrics

Task	Description of Task
HEAL EJ Assessment Metrics	Develop metrics for EJ Assessments (EJA). Timeline aligns with development of EJA Guidance below.
Tribal Engagement Metrics	Develop metrics for Tribal engagement.
Community Engagement Metrics	Develop metrics for community engagement.
CCA Budget Recommendations Metrics	Develop metrics for CCA Budget Recommendations.
Adoption of Council Legislative Update - Summary of Metrics Developed to Date	Adopt legislatively required update to the public, Legislature, and Governor. Due December 1, 2025
HEAL Budgeting and Funding Metrics	Develop metrics for HEAL Budgeting and Funding. Timeline aligns with development of guidance below.
Remaining Metrics	Identify and develop additional metrics needed.

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