



Puget Sound Regional Council

Growth Management Policy Board

Thursday, April 4, 2024 • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting – PSRC Board Room: 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98101

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1. **Call to Order (10:00) – Councilmember Ed Prince, Chair**
 2. **Communications and Public Comment**
Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.
 3. **Report of the Chair**
 4. **Director's Report**
 5. **Consent Agenda - Action Items (10:15)**
 - a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board held March 7, 2024
 6. **Discussion Item (10:20)**
 - a. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program – *Kelly McGourty, PSRC*

7. Discussion Item (10:35)

- a. Puget Sound Energy Community Solar Program – *Kate Hartgering, Puget Sound Energy*

8. Discussion Item (10:50)

- a. Local Climate Planning:

Lakewood Energy & Climate Change Work Plan – *Tiffany Speir, City of Lakewood*
Sammamish Climate Action Plan - *David Pyle and Rose Weiker, City of Sammamish*
Commerce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Survey of Small and Mid-sized Cities – *Alicia McAfee and Pranjali Rai, Department of Commerce*

9. Information Items

- a. General Assembly Save the Date Flyer
b. Tree Equity Collaborative

10. Next Meeting: May 2, 2024 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Major Topics for May:

- Industrial Lands Follow Up
- PSRC Equity Tracker
- Transit Access

11. Adjourn (12:00)

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MINUTES Growth Management Policy Board March 7, 2024 Hybrid Meeting

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<https://www.psrc.org/watch-meetings>]

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Councilmember Megan Dunn, Vice Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Dunn welcomed new board alternate John McClellan of the Alderwood Water and Wastewater District.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Growth Management Director Paul Inghram introduced a new Associate Planner for PSRC, David Dixon, and thanked board members who attended PSRC's Newly Electeds Workshop held in PSRC's new office space at 1201 Third Avenue on March 1.

PSRC Director of Government Relations and Communications Robin Koskey provided a legislative update on topics from Washington, D.C. as well as state legislative and budget updates.

PSRC Principal Planner Liz Underwood-Bultmann gave a brief update on the Comprehensive Plan process.

Paul Inghram concluded with comments on the information items in the agenda packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held February 1, 2024.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Bader/Buxton) to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

PUGET SOUND RECOVERY UPDATE

Staff from the Puget Sound Partnership, Kitsap County and the City of Poulsbo briefed the board on Puget Sound recovery efforts and sought feedback on how the Partnership and PSRC can further support local work. Puget Sound recovery is a goal in VISION 2050 and is addressed through several policies like En-Action-2, which directs PSRC and the Puget Sound Partnership to coordinate to support watershed planning to inform land use, transportation and stormwater planning that improve the health of the Puget Sound. Puget Sound Partnership staff described funding opportunities for projects and activities that support the Puget Sound recovery.

Board members discussed ideas to help with Puget Sound Recovery including improved wastewater treatment, water capture and reuse, transportation retrofits and stormwater parks. The Health Districts have been partnering on work to reduce impacts of onsite septic systems. Funding for Puget Sound recovery related efforts such as integrating recovery plans with comprehensive plans and monitoring critical areas will be available from the Department of Commerce soon.

ZONING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Barbara Rosen, a consultant for Enterprise Community Partners, and Maria Tobin, representing the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership provided the board with information about barriers to developing early childhood education facilities. Costs for land and building across the region are escalating, making the siting and development of early childhood care facilities challenging. Enterprise Community Partners and South Sound Military and Communities Partnership explored how land use regulations may create unintended barriers to developing new childcare facilities and how addressing those barriers could improve childcare opportunities for families. Board members recognized how costs and availability of childcare is a significant cost for many families and has a direct impact on a household's transportation and housing.

NEXT MEETING

The next GMPB board meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2024.

Topics include:

- Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's Climate and Environmental Justice Work
- Puget Sound Energy Community Solar Program

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

GUESTS AND PSRC STAFF PRESENT (As determined by staff.)

Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Piset Khuon, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Erika Harris, PSRC
David Dixon, PSRC
Robin Koskey, PSRC
Sheila Rogers, PSRC
Josh Brown, PSRC
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, Bellevue
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Shawn Alire, Kitsap County
Maria Tobin, South Sound Military and Communities Partnership
Barbara Rosen, Enterprise Community Partners
Larry Epstein, Puget Sound Partnership
Diane Lenius, City of Poulsbo
Craig Helmann, PSRC

Attachments:

March 7, 2024, GMPB Attendance Roster

Growth Management Policy Board - March 7, 2024					
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	✓
King County	2	CM Sarah Perry	1	Associate Members	
		Vacant		Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	1
				Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
Seattle	2	CM Tammy Morales	1		COM Paul McIntyre
		CM Maritza Rivera	1		John McClellan
		CM Tanya Woo, Alt		Public Agency Members	
Bellevue	1	CM Janice Zahn	1	Commerce	1
		CM Dave Hamilton, Alt			Dave Andersen
Cities/Towns	3	DM Traci Buxton, Des Moines	1	Public Health Agencies	1
		CM Ed Prince, Renton - Chair			Mark Barkley Alt
		CM Melissa Stuart, Redmond	1	PSRC Committees	
		CM Kelli Curtis, Alt - Kirkland		Regional Staff Committee	1
		CM Pam Stuart, Alt - Sammamish	1		Andrea Spencer
		CP Lindsey Walsh, Alt - Issaquah	1	Equity Advisory Committee	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Katie Walters	1		Arun Sambataro, Alt
		COM Christine Rolfes, Alt		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor	
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties	1
		CP Jennifer Chamberlin, Alt			Jennifer Anderson
Cities/Towns	1	DM Jon Quitslund, Bainbridge Isl	1	Natural and Built Environments (exp.	
		CM Ashley Mathews, Alt			Angela Rozmyn
Pierce County	1	CM Robyn Denson	1	Vacant	1
		CM Paul Herrera, Alt			Robert Pantley Alt
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment	
		CM Sarah Rumbaugh, Alt		Futurewise (reapplying)	1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Nikki Bufford, Fircrest	1		Alex Brennan
		MYR Josh Penner, Alt - Orting		Housing Development Consortium - Seattle/King	1
Snohomish County	1	CM Megan Dunn - Vice Chair	1		Patience Malaba
		CM Sam Low, Alt		Vacant	Jesse Simpson Alt
Everett	1	CM Scott Bader	1		1
		MYR Cassie Franklin, Alt			Vacant Alt
Cities/Towns	1	CM Mike Dixon, Mukilteo			
		MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Alt - Mntlake Terr.		Non Voting	
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Federally Recognized Tribes					
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	Vacant			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Andrew Strobel			
		Jennifer Keating Alt			
Suquamish Tribe	1	Rob Purser			
		Alison O'Sullivan Alt			
Statutory Members					
Ports	1	COM Don Meyer, Tacoma	1		
		COM Deanna Keller, Alt - Tacoma		Abbreviations	
WSDOT	1	Jeff Storrar	1		CM Councilmember
		JoAnn Schueler, Alt			COM Commissioner
					CP Council President
Voting	22	(Quorum = 11) Quorum Total	17		DM Deputy Mayor



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April 4, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Growth Management Policy Board

From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

Subject: **Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program**

IN BRIEF

VISION 2050 includes an ambitious goal to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to plan for more resilient communities. The adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in 2022 sets out specific climate work elements that are underway. At the meeting on April 4, 2024, staff will provide a briefing on the region's work under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program.

DISCUSSION

In the spring of 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program (CPRG). The CPRG program provided funds to states and large urban areas to develop near- and long-term climate action plans. The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) is leading the planning efforts on behalf of the region, in collaboration with PSRC, the four counties and several cities.

The near-term [Priority Climate Action Plan](#) was submitted to EPA on March 1, 2024. The Comprehensive Climate Action Plan is due the summer of 2025 and a work program is soon to be developed. More information may be found on [PSCAA's website](#). In addition, the CPRG program is providing \$4.6 billion in competitive grants for climate implementation activities. The state and partners across the region are coordinating on a set of strategic applications to this grant program, which were due on April 1, 2024.

Staff will brief the board on these various climate activities and how and when they will inform the PSRC work program.

For additional information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at (206) 971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Growth Management Policy Board
From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management
Subject: **Puget Sound Energy Community Solar Program**

IN BRIEF

Kate Hartgering from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) will provide the board with information about the company's Community Solar Program.

DISCUSSION

Puget Sound Energy is one of the largest electricity providers in the region. PSE's Community Solar program is a way for PSE electric customers to share the benefits of 100% local solar power by subscribing to shares of local solar projects. By partnering with schools and municipalities across their service area, PSE builds solar arrays in the communities served. Solar panels are installed on the rooftops of publicly owned buildings and other properties in the PSE service area allowing customers to share the benefits of local solar energy without having to invest in and install a rooftop solar system on their own.

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, pinghram@psrc.org or 206-464-7549.



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April 4, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Growth Management Policy Board

From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

Subject: Local Climate Planning

- Lakewood Energy & Climate Change Work Plan
- Sammamish Climate Action Plan
- Commerce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Survey of Small and Mid-sized Cities

IN BRIEF

VISION 2050 provides policy direction to address climate change and resilience at the local and regional levels. The state, with House Bill 1181, now requires cities in the region to plan for climate change. The cities of Sammamish and Lakewood will share how they have addressed climate change impacts in their local work and how climate is being incorporated into their comprehensive plans. Staff from the Department of Commerce will share the results of a survey of small and mid-size cities about their approaches to climate planning.

DISCUSSION

VISION 2050 seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 50% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below by 2050. Many cities, counties and other organizations in the region have developed climate plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which vary in strategies and approaches. VISION 2050 outlines how state, regional and local partners can act in coordination to reduce emissions in the region and prepare for climate impacts.

VISION 2050's CC-Action-3 calls on cities and counties to incorporate emissions reduction policies and actions and equitable climate resiliency measures in their comprehensive plans. The cities of Sammamish and Lakewood are two examples of

cities that have been proactively addressing greenhouse gas emissions and climate change in a manner that fits their local context.

City of Lakewood

Lakewood's Tiffany Speir, Long Range & Strategic Planning Manager, will share information about the city's award-winning energy and climate element of its comprehensive plan and how the city is working to implement its [climate policies](#) through a 14-point work plan and the development of a climate action plan. She will also briefly discuss how the comprehensive plan element is being updated during the 2024 Periodic Update process to respond to recent changes to the GMA.

In 2021, Lakewood adopted a new element in the city's comprehensive plan that directly relates to energy and climate change. The element examines how the city's policies affect energy consumption and how measures can be implemented to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The element provides policy direction for conserving energy resources and responding to climate change. Broadly framed goals address energy conservation, renewable energy generation, and use and sustainable and responsible community revitalization. More specifically, policies and implementing tasks are designed to: provide leadership to manage on climate change; promote clean and efficient transportation options; encourage sustainable and efficient energy systems; promote sustainable development; support community revitalization; and build a climate-resilient community. Lakewood's work on climate change was recognized by the state with a 2022 Governor's Smart Climate Strategies Award.

Following the adoption of the plan element, Lakewood established a three-year climate change work plan in 2022 that includes 14 items ranked by difficulty/effort, priority, and financial considerations. As a key implementation step, Lakewood identified a five-year climate change action plan that would act as a blueprint for city climate action, integrating climate change policies into all applicable areas of city operations, and work with partners, communities, and residents. The plan would reflect Lakewood's priorities and commitments for climate action to residents and partners.

With the adoption of HB 1181 and adding Climate Change & Resiliency to the GMA, Lakewood is now conducting a review and update to the comprehensive plan element and refocusing its five-year action plan.

City of Sammamish

Sammamish's Rose Weiker, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator, and David Pyle, Community Development Director, will share with the board Sammamish's work to develop a [Climate Action Plan](#) (CAP) to address the challenges of climate change. Starting in 2022, the city identified that some of the most significant contributors to its greenhouse gas emissions include natural gas from residences, transportation, and commercial energy use. The city relied on regional and county data sources to ensure alignment and consistency with broader regional reduction policies, plans, and actions,

and conducted a literature review of other cities' and organizations' climate action and sustainability plans to identify components relevant to Sammamish.

The CAP sets the stage for Sammamish to transition to clean energy sources, electrify buildings and transportation, enhance water and natural resource programs, reduce waste, and strengthen climate resiliency. The CAP emphasizes a targeted approach to emissions reduction and is grounded in regional frameworks to ensure alignment with established best practices. The Sammamish CAP sets forth ambitious goals, including:

- A 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and a 96% reduction by 2050, using data from 2019 as the baseline.
- A 30% reduction of per capita Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by 2030 and 50% by 2050, relative to a 2016 baseline.

The CAP is intended to be a living document that will be continually reviewed and updated to align with progress toward goals, changes in science and technology, best practices, and community needs.

The city will monitor progress and continually review and revise the plan as needed to verify that sustainability program efforts are effective and responsive to the community's changing needs. The CAP will also be used to inform the development of the city's first Climate Change and Resiliency Element of the Comprehensive Plan and be referenced in the background section of the element.

Survey of Small and Mid-Size Cities

The Washington State Department of Commerce and the University of Washington surveyed 64 small and mid-size cities in Benton, Clark, Franklin, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, and Whatcom counties to better understand local needs for addressing climate change. Commerce's Alicia McAfee, Pranjali Rai and Michale Burnham will share key findings from the [survey](#), which include:

- Assistance with developing a greenhouse gas emissions inventory, conducting a Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) study, and training are mentioned by respondents as the most needed items to develop a climate element.
- Most respondents cited financial constraints and lack of in-house technical expertise as the biggest challenges.
- Integrated climate resilience measures were the most-cited opportunities for developing emissions reduction measures.

Commerce published [updated climate element guidance](#) for cities and counties in January. Commerce is also providing cities and counties with planning grants, technical assistance, online workshops, and other resources to help them develop and implement their climate elements.

NEXT STEPS

PSRC's review of draft comprehensive plans will look for how cities and counties are working towards the VISION 2050 goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build more resilient communities. The review will also seek to identify how cities and counties can begin to satisfy the requirements of state HB 1181, which has a compliance deadline of 2029.

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, at pinghram@psrc.org or 206-464-7549.



SAVE THE DATE

Puget Sound Regional Council

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

 **May 30, 2024 | 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

 **Seattle Convention Center – Summit Building**
900 Pine Street
Seattle, WA 98122

PSRC's General Assembly will meet on **May 30, 2024**, to vote on major decisions, establish the budget, and elect new officers. Please save the date!

All mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions and tribes have votes at the Assembly and are encouraged to participate.

Registration will open in **early April**.

For questions, please contact **Sheila Rogers** at **(206) 354-6560** or email srogers@psrc.org.



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INFORMATION ITEM

April 4, 2024

To: Growth Management Policy Board

From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management Planning

Subject: **Tree Equity Collaborative**

IN BRIEF

At its April meeting, the Growth Management Policy Board will be given information on the Washington State Tree Equity Collaborative.

BACKGROUND

Trees are known to mitigate urban heat island effect, an impact of climate change and a major health concern. Approximately 85% of urban neighborhoods in Washington State have inadequate tree cover. Recognizing that trees are critical urban infrastructure essential to public health and well-being, American Forests and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) launched the [Washington State Tree Equity Collaborative](#).

The Collaborative aims to enhance neighborhood tree canopy cover by engaging cities, community organizations and stakeholders in building rigorous and inclusive urban forestry programs. Collaborative members receive technical assistance, including data resources and information on best practices. American Forests' [Tree Equity Score](#) tool provides information to help prioritize expanding tree cover equitably. Involvement in the collaborative also positions jurisdictions well for DNR urban forestry grant funding.

The collaborative's steering committee includes representatives from Kent, King County, Seattle, Snohomish County, Snoqualmie, Snoqualmie Tribe and Tacoma. The collaborative is looking to expand its membership.

VISION 2050 includes policies to enhance urban tree canopy to support community resilience, mitigate urban heat, manage stormwater, conserve energy, improve mental and physical health and strengthen economic prosperity. If there is interest, staff from the Tree Equity Collaborative can provide a presentation to the board later this year.

For more information, please contact Erika Harris at eharris@psrc.org or visit the [Tree Equity Collaborative website](#).