Clean Energy Advisory Group (CEAG) Meeting Notes

October 30, 2026 from 9-12:15

Skagit Public Utility District Aqua Room, 1415 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon

Purpose: *To provide policy guidance to County staff in drafting a recommended Clean Energy Code. Code amendments will include siting criteria and create a more efficient permitting process for clean-energy projects and will assess impacts, mitigation, identify suitable areas for development and result in predictable permitting for the community and clean energy developers alike.*

Remaining CEAG Meeting Date: November 20 from 9-3pm *(note extended length)* at Skagit PUD

Advisory Group Members Present

Matthew Phillips	Stewards of Skagit (Non-Profit Land Use Group)
Denby Lloyd	Skagit Land Trust (Non-Profit Environmental Group)
Chuck Messinger	United Way Skagit (Non-Profit Vulnerable Communities)
MaryLee Chamberlain	Western County (District 1)
James Karlsgodt	Central County (District 2)
Craig Hansen	Central County (District 3)
Robert Knoll	Puget Sound Energy
Heather Rogerson	Port of Skagit
Betty Carteret	Climate Impact Advisory Committee
Terry Sapp	Agricultural Advisory Board

Other Attendees

Jeanne Aungst	Planning and Development Services (Skagit County)
Allen Rozema	Planning and Development Services (Skagit County)
Lavelle Pilon	Planning and Development Services (Skagit County)
Clay White	Kimley-Horn
Lyn Wiltse, Facilitator, Notetaker	PDSA Consulting, Inc.

Action Items

- All Check County website weekly for updates / contact Jeanne with questions. https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/applicants.htm
- Jeanne, Allen, Lavelle: Record today's code edits to share with PDS staff.
- Jeanne Ensure all of these documents are posted to the County Website.
- Jeanne By Nov. 13 email out these meeting notes and agenda for Nov. 20 meeting.
- Jeanne Check Aqua Room availability at the PUD and send out notice of next meeting.
- All Note the final meeting on November 20 is from 9-3pm, with lunch included.

Welcome / Introductions

Lyn began by thanking everyone for attending, including Heather Rogerson who is representing the Port today in Sarah's absence. She also reviewed the prior action items (all completed). Given the amount of material to cover, all agreed to shorten the break times to 10 minutes and stay until 12:15.

Jeanne welcomed everyone and said how Planning and Development Services staff were looking forward to developing clean energy facility siting and mitigation code based on recommendations from this group along with those from the small groups. Per her October 22 email with today's agenda and the CEAG Code Concept Recommendation Outline, she and Allen reminded everyone that the goal for today's meeting is for the group to come to consensus where possible on the Code Recommendations submitted by the Advisory Group members individually, and as a group as indicated in meeting notes. The Code Outline includes Robby's comments attributing each recommendation to its source (CEAG member, CEAG meeting notes, or the County).

We will start reviewing the recommendations received for BESS and, time permitting, do the same for Solar/DERs, Renewable Fuels and Fusion SMRs. If needed, we will finish the review at our final meeting on November 20.

Consensus will be indicated by having CEAG members indicate where they are relative to a code recommendation by indicating with their thumb. When members show thumbs up or sideways, they are indicating that even if their preference is to go in a different direction, they can live with the decision of the group and "behaviorally support" the recommendation.

Final CEAG Meeting Date/Topics

November 20 from 9-3pm at the PUD

Topics to include:

- Continued review, seeking consensus on recommendations for the remaining three energy types: Solar/DERs, Renewables, Fusion SMRs