

DECEMBER

2024

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING

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Oregon Environmental Justice Council

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# Environmental Justice Council Members

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- 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

OCBA Liaison J'Reyesha Brannon was appointed on 10/22/2024. This position was previously filled by Ben Duncan.



# Today's Agenda

- Item #2 (10:10): EJC Leadership Updates
- Item #3 (10:30): Public Comment #1
- Item #4 (10:45): Listening Session Updates
- Item #5 (11:45): Break Before Working Lunch
- Item #6 (12:00): Agency Annual Reports Continued
- Item #7 (12:30): Annual Reports Reflections & Next Steps
- Item #8 (13:00): Shared Agency Needs & Strategic Planning
- Item #9 (13:30) : EJ Mapping Decision Point 7 Orientation
- Item #10 (14:15): Public Comment #2
- Item #11 (14:30): EJC Upcoming Tasks
- Item #12 (15:00): Council Adjourn



# AGENDA ITEM #2

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EJC Leadership Updates

# Leadership Updates

## OCBA Appointee Transition



- Incoming Member: J'reyesha Brannon
- Outgoing Member: Ben Duncan

## Council Reminders



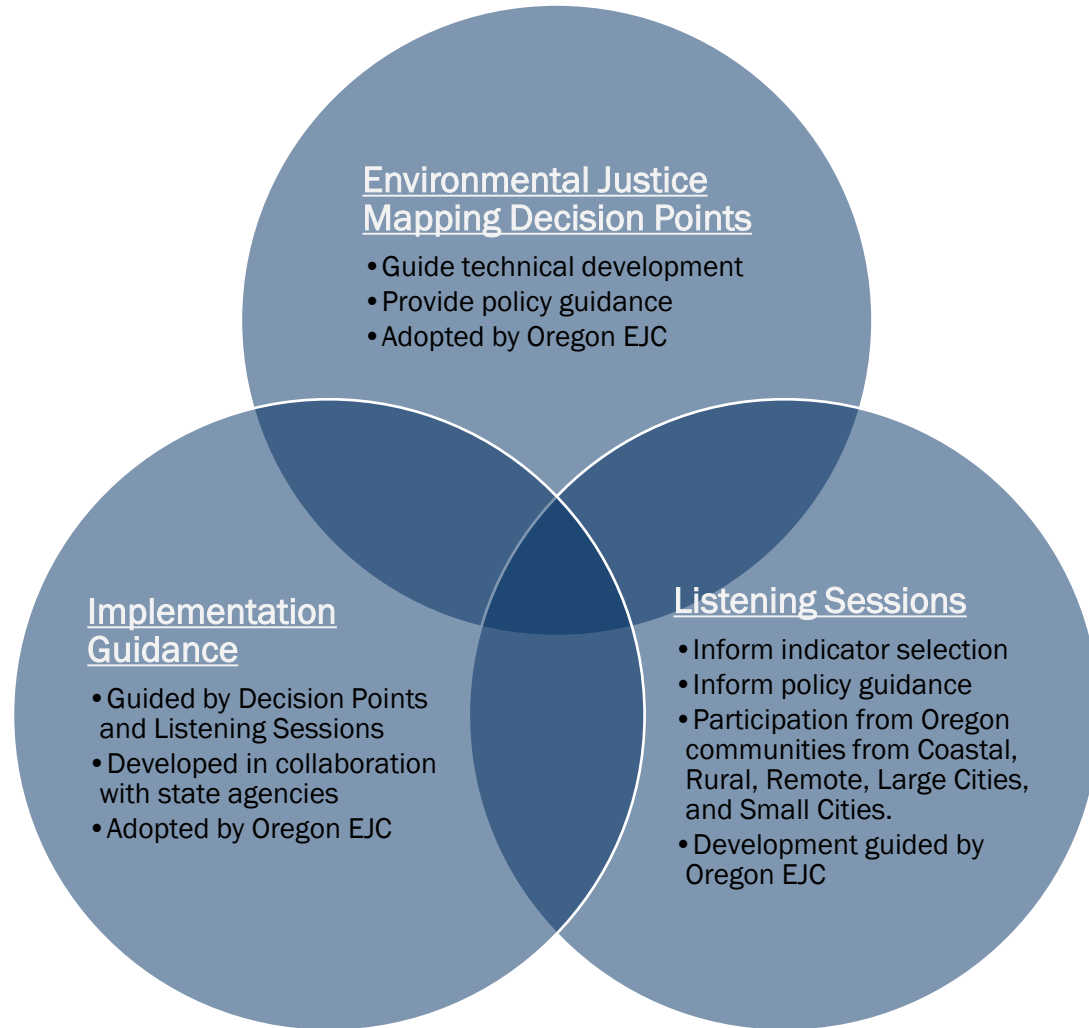
- Attendance
- Preparation
- OACO Appointment Connection

## Governor's Recommended Budget



- Governor's Requested Budget Page 225
- DEQ Policy Option Package 170 Page 204

# Oregon EJ Mapping Tool Project Processes



## Foundational Decision Points

- Decision Point 1: Indicator Domain Selection
- Decision Point 2: Geographic Units
- Decision Point 3: Geographic Designations & Geographic Comparisons
- Decision Point 4: Weighting
- Decision Point 5: Domain Aggregation
- Decision Point 6: Data Standardization

## Community and Policy Driven Decision Points

- Decision Point 7: Indicator Selection
- Decision Point 8: Sensitivity Analysis
- Decision Point 9: Environmental Justice Community Thresholds & Flags

## User Interface Decision Point

- Decision Point 10: Environmental Justice Mapping Visualizations & Reporting



# AGENDA ITEM #3

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Public Comment



# Agenda Item #4

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Listening Sessions Update





# Agenda Item #5

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Break before Working Lunch (return at 12:00 pm)



# Agenda Item #6

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Agency Annual Reports Continued

# State Agency Presenters

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1. ODA: Christina Higby
2. DEQ: Matthew Davis
3. DLCD: Sadie Carney
4. DOGAMI: Alex Lopez
5. DSL: Cait McCusker
6. ODF: Megan Frizzell & Danny Norlander
7. ODFW: Antonio Salgado
8. ODOE: Lauren Rosenstein
9. ODOT: Brenda Gessner
10. OHA: Kim Tham
11. OPRD: Katie Gauthier
12. OPUC: Michelle Scala & Kate Ayres\*
13. OSFM: Adam Meyer
14. OSMB: Tony Marin\*
15. OWEB: Alexa Schmidt\*
16. WRD: Susan Parrish & Danielle Gonzalez\*

Presentations with \* have been deferred to the 12/12/2024 EJC meeting.



# Agenda Item #7

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Annual Reports Reflection and Next Steps

# Annual Report Progress



# Next Steps



Assign Environmental Justice Council reviewers for 2024 Agency Annual Reports



Assign agencies to provide verbal updates during the February 2025 and April 2025 Environmental Justice Council meetings



Discuss content desired for development of 2025 Agency Annual Reports due in January 2026.



What opportunities does the Environmental Justice Council observe state agencies can work on to improve environmental justice implementation?

# Reflections



Did state agencies effectively communicate how they are implementing meaningful involvement with agency decisions that impact the public?



What obstacles does the Environmental Justice Council observe that they can consult with state agencies to mitigate?



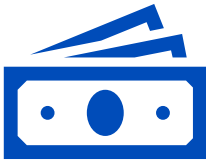
# Agenda Item #8

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Shared Agency Needs and Strategic Planning



# Summary of State Agency Needs



Increase Funding and Budget Support



Bolster Staff Capacity and Training



Develop Enterprise-wide Policies and Guidance



Provide Leadership and Facilitate Interagency Collaboration on Tools and Resources

# Discussion

## Adoption Request: Summary of State Agency Needs

Which Summary of State Agency Needs categories does the EJC want to focus on in 2025?

- Funding and Budget
- Training
- Enterprise-wide Policies and Guidance
- Interagency Collaboration

## Listening Sessions Update

- Goal: Host and report out on two listening sessions prior to June 30, 2025.
  - Additional listening sessions will be scoped for 2026 and 2027.
- Listening Session Planning: February 14, 2025, Ad Hoc EJC Meeting
  - Collaboration meetings will be hosted on January 23, 2025 and January 24, 2025

## 2025 Strategic Planning Focus

- EJ Mapping Tool Indicator Selection and Sensitivity Analysis
- Listening Session planning and execution of first two listening sessions
- State agency focus for 2025

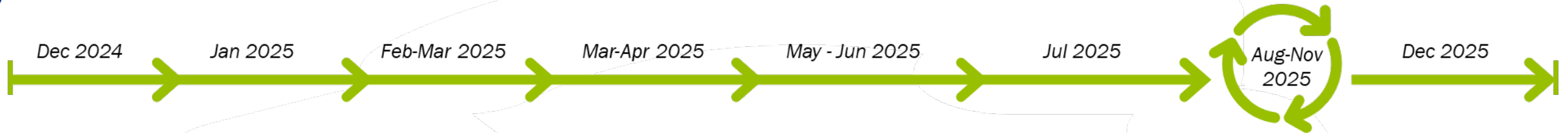


# Agenda Item #9

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EJ Mapping Decision Point 7 – Indicator Selection Orientation

# Process for Indicator Selection



- EJC Input**
- ✓ Indicator criteria
  - 📋 Prioritize categories

- EJC Input**
- 📋 Identify preliminary candidates for each domain.

- EJC Input**
- ✓ Narrow indicators for each domain based on sensitivity analysis.

- EJC Input**
- ✓ Final indicator selection

📋 Community Thresholds

# 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

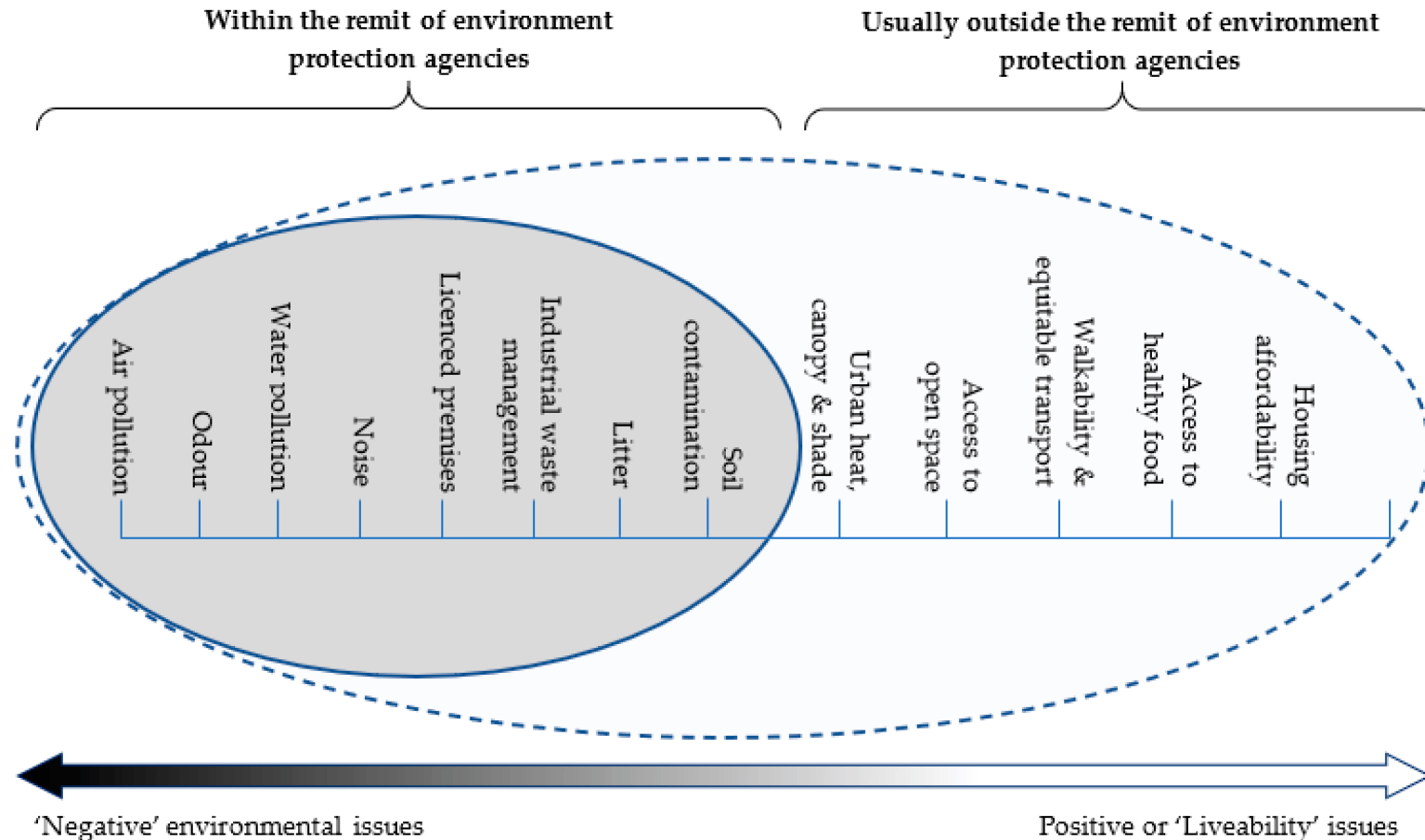
## Introduction Continued

10(4) “Environmental justice community” includes communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes, communities experiencing health inequities, tribal communities, rural communities, remote communities, coastal communities, communities with limited infrastructure and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including seniors, youth and persons with disabilities.

12(3) The mapping tool must:

- (a) Be based on factors that are derived from direct input through the inclusive community engagement process described in subsection (2) of this section;
- (b) Be sufficiently detailed to allow the assessment of environmental justice benefits and burdens;

# DECISION POINT #7 – INDICATOR SELECTION



Browne, G.R.; Gunn, L.D.; Davern, M. [A Framework for Developing Environmental Justice Indicators. Standards 2022, 2, 90-10.](#)

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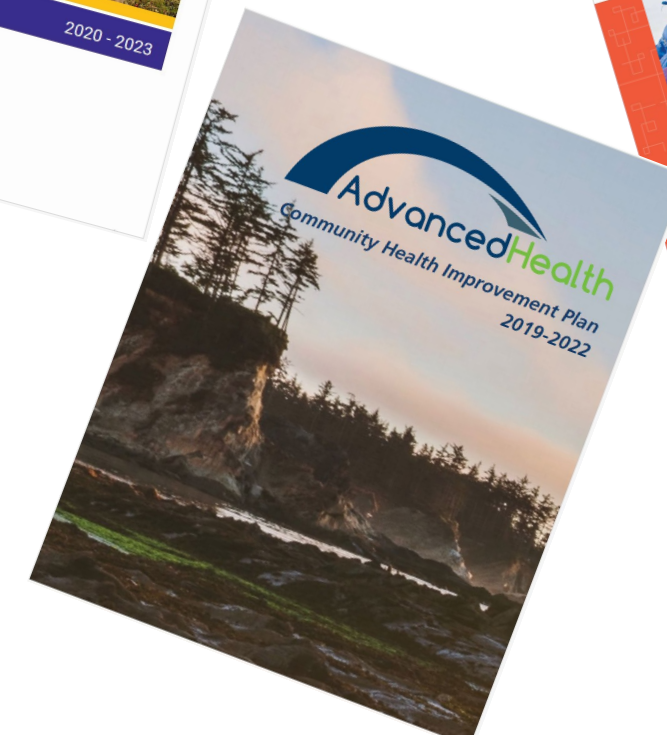
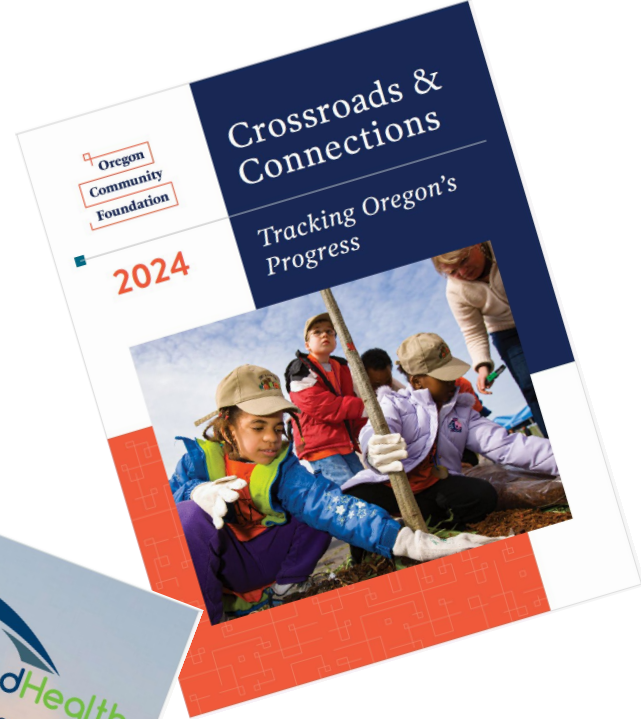
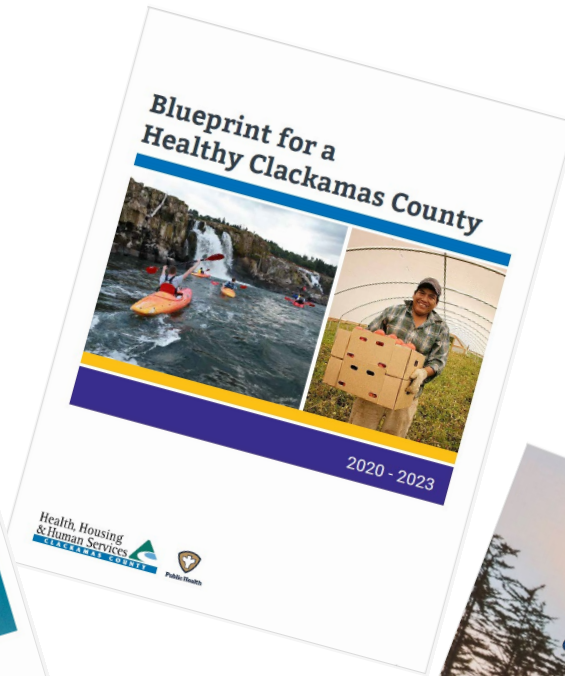
| Criteria for Indicator Selection   | HB4077 Subsection   |
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| Indicators should provide a measure that is relevant to the subdomain it represents, in the context of “Environmental Burden”, “Environmental Justice”, and “Environmental Justice Community” definitions in HB4077. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11(2)</li> <li>• 11(3)</li> <li>• 11(4)</li> </ul> |
| Indicators should represent community concerns related to pollution burden, climate change risks, environmental conditions, human health, or social factors.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12(A)</li> </ul>                                   |
| Community input and feedback should be considered. Indicators proposed and accepted during the community engagement process should be prioritized.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12(2)</li> </ul>                                   |
| Indicators should be linkable to policy and other actions with measurable goals for reducing environmental disparities across Oregon.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13(1)(d)</li> </ul>                                |
| The mapping tool should include data from Oregon natural resources agencies or data compatible with environmental justice mapping tools developed by other state agencies.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12(3)(d)</li> </ul>                                |



# DECISION POINT #7 – INDICATOR SELECTION

| Criteria for Indicator Selection  | HB4077 Subsection   |
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| If a health-related measure, the health outcome should be associated with environmental exposures or known to be exacerbated by environmental conditions.         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High priority</li> </ul>             |
| The presence or absence of the environmental characteristics represented by the indicator should have a quantifiable negative effect on human health.             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High priority</li> </ul>             |
| Data for each indicator should be available for the entire state or community designation at the census tract level or be translatable to the census tract level. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High priority</li> </ul>             |
| Data should be of sufficient quality and be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Complete</li> <li>b) Current</li> <li>c) Accurate</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12(3)(b)</li> <li>• 12(4)</li> </ul> |
| Data should be accessible to the public.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12(3)(e)</li> </ul>                  |
| The office of Enterprise Information Services shall recommend data quality standards.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12(4)</li> </ul>                     |

# DECISION POINT #7 – OTHER COMMUNITY INPUT



# DECISION POINT #7 – COMMUNITY REPORTS

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|---|---|
| Report Title                                  | Vision for Oregon Forests - Community Engagement Report                                     |
| Agency/CBO                                    | Oregon's Kitchen Table & Board of Forestry  |
| Citation                                      | Oregon's Kitchen Table. Vision for Oregon Forests: Community Engagement Report. April 2024. |
| Year  | 2024  |
| Communities                                   | Cornelius, Grants Pass, Madras, Communities in all counties                                 |
| Community Designation                         | Remote/Rural/Statewide  |
| Topic   | Board of Forestry and Oregon Department of Forestry new strategic plan                      |
| Project Goals                                 | Hear from people throughout Oregon about what connects them to Oregon forests ...           |
| Meeting Period                                | June 2023 - October 2023  |
| Exposure and Risk Indicators Discussed        | Access to recreation, wildfire risk, wildfire Smoke, impaired waterbodies, etc.             |
| Health and Social Factor Indicators Discussed | Employment, public safety, etc.   |
| Burden or Benefit                             | Both  |
| Lived Experiences/Community Quotes            | "As a woman, it's unsafe to travel alone in the forest..."                                  |
| EJ Relevance (Low, Med, High)                 | High  |
| Is Data Actionable (Y/N)                      | Yes   |
| Is Data Available (Y/N)                       | Yes   |



# Agenda Item #10

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Public Comment



# Agenda Item #11

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EJC Upcoming Tasks

# Upcoming Tasks

Set agenda for 2/13/2025 EJC Meeting

Review agency annual reports

- Agency Due Date: 1/17/2025
- EJC assignments were made during today's EJC meeting

Attend information sessions for listening session scoping

- 1/23/2025 & 1/24/2025

Participate in indicator selection related surveys

# February 2025 Staff Requested Agenda Items

Listening Session  
Scoping

Indicator Selection

2024 Agency  
Annual Report  
Presentations

2023 Agency  
Annual Report  
Reflections

Enterprise-wide  
Policies and  
Guidance Briefing



# Agenda Item #12

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Council Adjourn





THANK YOU!

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