

State of Montana Governor's Climate Solutions Council

Meeting Agenda
December 9th and 10th, 2019

Montana State Capitol
Room 317
Helena, MT

Meeting Objectives:

- Build shared understanding about the purpose, objectives, and structure of the Council and enhance working relationships
- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of Council members, support staff, technical and subject matter experts, and the public
- Build foundational knowledge of the work in each of the Council's committees learning from existing research and analysis and panels representing council members and subject matter experts
- Workshop early recommendations/challenges emerging from committee work
- Refine committee workplans, set priorities and review expectations for the next full Council convening ahead of issuing draft recommendations in January

Monday, December 9

- 1:00 pm** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Governor Steve Bullock
- 1:15 pm** **Introductions and Overview of the Agenda**
Co-chairs - Patrick Holmes, Kathy Hadley
Patrick Cummins, Center for New Energy Economy
- Introduction of Council Members and Staff
 - Overview of agenda, meeting objectives
 - Preview of the Council Charter and Decision Process

- 1:45 pm** **Montana’s Changing Climate – An Overview of the Findings and Projections of the 1st Montana Climate Assessment**
- Presentation of findings and outreach tied to the MCA
Cathy Whitlock, Montana State University
Bruce Maxwell, Montana State University
Kelsey Jencso, university of Montana
 - Questions and Discussion with Full Council
- 2:45 pm** **Break**
- 3:15 pm** **Panel 1: Montana Adaptation Efforts: State, Local and Tribal Experiences**
- Paul Lachapelle, Montana State University
 - Gerald Wagner, Blackfeet Nation
 - Amy Cilimburg, Climate Smart Missoula
 - Steve Thompson, National Center for Appropriate Technology
 - Ann Schwend, DNRC Water Resources Division
- 4:15 pm** **Workshop 1: Draft Findings and Recommendations of the Climate Adaptation, Information and Decision Support Committee**
- Brief overview of committee work and key opportunities – Tom Armstrong and John Tubbs
 - Small Group Breakouts
 - Report Out and Council Discussion
- 5:15 pm** **Public Comment**
- 5:30 pm** **Day 1 Adjourn**
- 5:45 pm** **Optional Evening Social at Ten Mile Creek Brewery**
48 N Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601
We have reserved space at this Helena brewery for Council members to get to know one another. This a no-host event.

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

- 8:00 am** **Welcome and Overview of the Day**
- Recap of Day 1
 - Overview of Agenda for Day 2
- 8:15 am** **Panel 2: Technology and Climate Solutions – Building a Montana Innovation Landscape**
- Jayne Morrow, Montana State University
Trent Berg, Montana Photonics Industry Alliance
Dave Hunt, Mitsubishi Hitachi Power System Americas, Inc.
Lee Spangler, Montana State University
- 9:15 am** **Break**
- 9:30 am** **Decarbonization Pathways for the Northwest and Montana: Findings and Discussion of the Clean Energy Technology Institute Study of Deep Decarbonization**
- Presentation and Discussion with Full Council
Eileen Quigley, Executive Director, CETI
Jeremy Hargreaves, Evolved Energy Research
- 11:30 am** **Council Charter**
- Council members will discuss the draft charter
***DECISION ITEM: Amend and/or Approve the Draft Charter**
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch (Provided) – Governor’s Reception Room**
- 1:00 pm** **Workshop 2: Draft Findings and Recommendations of the Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Strategies Committee**
- Brief overview of committee work to date (co-chairs)
 - Small Group Breakouts/Whiteboards
 - Report Out and Council Discussion
- 2:00 pm** **Break**
- 2:30 am** **Workshop 3: Draft Findings and Recommendations of the Climate Innovation and Transitions Committee**
- Brief overview of committee work to date (co-chairs)
 - Small Group Breakouts/Whiteboards
 - Report Out and Council Discussion

- 3:30 pm** **Updating the Council’s Work Plan, Timeline, and Approach**
- Discuss timeline, milestones, and meeting schedule
- 4:00 pm** **Public Comment**
- 4:15 pm** **Council Member Reflections and Guidance**
- Capture key take-aways, insights, and guidance for future meetings
- 4:30 pm** **Meeting Adjourns**