

# State of Montana Governor's Climate Solutions Council

Meeting Agenda  
January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

University of Montana  
University Center Rooms 330-332  
Missoula, MT

## Meeting Objectives:

- Continue to foster an environment conducive to learning and shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities associated with the Council's work.
- Advance early recommendations, broadly supported by the Council and frame key questions to guide future council work and public input in areas requiring further deliberations.
- Workshop plans for public and partner engagement over the coming months to refine and improve council work products.
- Take advantage of the meeting location to learn from faculty and engage students in the council's work.
- Refine committee and council workplans, including setting upcoming meeting dates.

## Monday, January 27, 2020

**1:00 pm**

### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

President Seth Bodnar, University of Montana

Carmen Thissen, Climate Change Studies Minor

Dean Tom DeLuca, W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation

- 1:15 pm**      **Introductions and Overview of the Agenda**  
 Co-chairs - Patrick Holmes, Kathy Hadley
- Introduction of Attending Council Members and Staff
  - Overview of agenda, meeting objectives
  - Review of plans for the Council’s initial draft recommendations
- 1:45 pm**      **Panel 1: Montana Forests and Climate Solutions**  
 Moderator: Kelsey Jencso, Montana Climate Office
- *Taking Advantage of Carbon Markets in Forest Management*, Solomon Dobrowski, Forest Management
  - *Expanding Prescribed Burning through New Analyses, Tools, and Institutions*, Carl Seielstad, National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis
  - *Mass Timber Construction for Carbon Sequestration, Rural Revitalization, and Fuel Reduction*, Tom DeLuca, W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation
  - *Realizing the Potential of Wood-Based Biomass Energy*, Beth Dodson, Forest Management
- 2:30 pm**      **Climate Adaptation, Information and Decision Support Committee – Preliminary Recommendations**
- Overview of committee work to date and key findings
  - Presentation and Discussion of Early Recommendations for Council consideration
  - Questions and Discussion with Full Council
- DECISION ITEMS: Approval of Committee Early Recommendations**
- 3:30 pm**      **Break**
- 3:45 pm**      **Climate Adaptation, Information and Decision Support Committee (cont’d) – Key Questions and Next Steps**
- Overview of unresolved committee issues/recommendations requiring further deliberations
  - Council discussion of next steps required to further deliberations or advance priority needs
  - Council discussion of framing key questions for public and partner input.
- 4:15 pm**      **Public Comment**

**4:45 pm      Lightning Round – University of Montana Faculty Research Relevant to the Climate Solutions Council**

Moderator: Laurie Yung, Society and Conservation

- *Commercializing Breakthrough Innovations*, Jakki Mohr, Management and Marketing
- *Beaver Dam Analogs to Mitigate Drought*, Ben Colman, Ecosystem Science and Restoration
- *Climate-Smart State Water Policy*, Michelle Bryan, Alexander Blewett III School of Law
- *Tribal Approaches to Water*, Casey Ryan, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- *Designing for Embodied Carbon*, Sarah Ayres, Loci Architecture+Design
- *Early Warning Systems for Drought and Flooding*, Kelsey Jencso, Montana Climate Office
- *Effects of Fire on Elk Habitat and Populations*, Mark Hebblewhite, Wildlife Biology
- *Projections for Recreation & Tourism*, Kyle Bocinsky, Montana Climate Office
- *Addressing Health Impacts for Community Resilience*, Jen Robohm, Family Medicine Residency
- *Conservation Marketing*, Justin Angle, Management and Marketing
- *How Farmers and Ranchers Use Climate Information*, Laurie Yung, Society and Conservation
- *Utilizing Groundwater for Climate Resilience*, Payton Gardner, Geosciences

**5:30 pm      Reception**

Phyllis J. Washington Education Center, Third Floor Atrium

No host bar with appetizers (provided).

## Tuesday, January 28, 2020

- 9:00 am**      **Welcome and Overview of the Day**
- Recap of Day 1
  - Overview of Agenda for Day 2
- 9:15 am**      **Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Strategies Committee – Preliminary Recommendations**
- Overview of committee work to date and key findings
  - Presentation and Discussion of Early Recommendations for Council consideration
  - Questions and Discussion with Full Council
- DECISION ITEMS: Approval of Committee Early Recommendations**
- 10:15 am**      **Break**
- 10:30 am**      **Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Strategies Committee (cont'd) – Key Questions and Next Steps**
- Overview of unresolved committee issues/recommendations requiring further deliberations
  - Council discussion of next steps required to further deliberations or advance priority needs
  - Council discussion of framing key questions for public and partner input.
- 11:00 am**      **Presentation: Understanding Economic Transitions in Energy-Focused Communities**  
Ben Alexander Resources Legacy Fund
- 11:45 pm**      **Lunch (provided) University Center 225**
- 12:30 pm**      **Technology Innovation for Climate Solutions and Community Transitions Committee – Preliminary Recommendations**
- Overview of committee work to date and key findings
  - Presentation and discussion of early recommendations for Council consideration
  - Questions and discussion with full Council
- DECISION ITEMS: Approval of Committee Early Recommendations**
- 1:30 pm**      **Break**

- 1:45 pm**      **Technology Innovation for Climate Solutions and Community Transitions Committee (cont'd) – Key Questions and Next Steps**
- Overview of unresolved committee issues/recommendations requiring further deliberations
  - Council discussion of next steps required to further deliberations or advance priority needs
- Council discussion of framing key questions for public and partner input.
- 2:15 pm**      **Engaging the Public and Key Partners**
- Facilitated discussion on strategies to conduct outreach to key partners and the public to improve and advance the recommendations of the Council
  - Planning for future convenings of the Council, including the Montana Climate Solutions Summit (April, tent.)
- 3:00 pm**      **Public Comment**
- 3:30 pm**      **Meeting Adjourns**