

ACSI AQ, Climate, & Energy (AQCE) Subcommittee Meeting Notes August 5, 2026

AQCE: Derron, Anabelle, Jona, Derron, Elaine, Reed, Natalia

Staff: Tim, Silvia, Bridget (Intern), Jairaj, John

Updates/Sharing coping strategies during the head/AQ event

- Tips:
 - Subcommittee member tips included staying indoors, learning about AQ risks, leaning on toys to stimulate pets, hydrating, using an air exchanger at home, running HVAC on low with a MERV13 filter, checking airnow.gov and oregonsmoke.org, airfilters, indoor pools at community centers, Portland parks and rec camps shifting indoors to support kiddos,
- Updates:
 - The Data Center Advisory committee finished a series of learning sessions, and is moving into drafting a report on how to address data center concerns while not limiting opportunities for Oregon.
 - Climate Justice Plan vote/consideration on August 27.
 - East Cully is getting sidewalks, paved roads, trees, bike lanes, stormwater infrastructure thanks to PCEF.
 - [Jade Night Market 82 Ave Bike Ride](#)
 - Depave Project in the Gateway District
 - Will share resources on how to support Warm Springs community

Community Based Renewable Energy (CBRE):

Silvia, Bridget and Tim presented on what CBREs represented leading into HB 2021, during the legislative process, and during implementation. They discussed Bridget's project to create a history about the role of CBREs in HB 2021, and highlighted the ups and downs of CBREs since, including the changing approaches of utilities.

Committee member feedback/questions

- Are there frameworks or methods of verification for achieving community benefit? B-Corps could be a path in part.
- How can you "derisk" a project? Projects are complex because of the energy system (regulatory, programs, incentives, interconnection etc.), project development/delivery (on time on budget), and project finance (underwriting). Also important to look at this from a development, lender perspective.