

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

July 1, 2026

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Staff: Silvia, Monique, John, Jairaj, Tim

Intro/Updates:

- Climate Justice Plan to be considered by the Board of Commissioners on July 23
- July 23 PCEF Committee will be discussing Moda Center Funding, 6-8 PM
- July 14, Climate & Health Standards for Existing Buildings workshop 6-8
- July 9 Heat Rumble: <https://luma.com/efle5hk7>
- July 16 Shade Equity Bike Ride <https://luma.com/5leon85h>
- [OPB article](#) on heat wave/response with a quote from John.

Property Fit Presentation.

- John: Provided a history and overview of the program and highlighted its ACSI origins.

Subcommittee member discussion:

- How could this program support resilience hub retrofits?
 - That type of infrastructure is eligible and non-profits are eligible. Best to prioritize grant funds first and look at Property Fit filling the gaps.
- Who is the target audience for PropertyFit?
 - There has been a monetary threshold below which pursuing CPACE has not been economic so far. Though there are conversations about ways to lower this threshold potentially by combining smaller transactions.
 - Larger projects have been the first target because they are the easiest for lender. Ongoing brainstorming on opportunities to provide technical assistance and targeted programs to reach small projects or organizations.
- What are the impacts to the County? Is there opposition?
 - This program is voluntary and leverages private capital. No County resources beyond Staff time. Program administrators is Prosper Portland and they recover their costs via fees on transactions.
 - Prosper Portland has been a great partner.
- Request for a write up on how the program supports County climate goals when the timing is right.

Follow up on the pre-school/AQ conversation:

- Silvia did a quick overview of our AQ-related meetings and informed members of upcoming OS/EH staff meeting with Children's Environmental Health Network (CEHN) network to learn more about future opportunities, like a potential Health Preschool Certification.

Planning/Others:

- Silvia provided an update about the launch of the HOMES/HEAR programs in Oregon:
 - ETO explanation of HOMES & HEAR:
<https://www.energytrust.org/communities/homes-hear/>
 - Will invite ODOE or other staff to update ACSI in August or September.
 - ETO is supporting investor-owned utilities and Earth Advantage publicly-owned utilities.
 - HOMES & HEAR will only serve 1% of Oregonians, so funds will run out and it will require prep for orgs to help the people they serve apply asap.
 - This is a good reason to grow our list of contacts in resilience hubs & networks in East County. In terms of spreading the word about resources/opportunities.
- Looking towards the annual letter and integrating different recommendations, it is important that ACSI has an understanding of the priorities of elected officials in the coming year(s). Around air quality for example.
 - OS is asking the Board to adopt the CJP, which touches on many of these issues. Board endorsement of the plan, should it happen, would help to serve as an articulation of the Board's priorities. Also recognizing that 2026 is an election year, and the complexities with that.
- Suggestions to draft a portfolio of all County programs that could support climate retrofits.
- Recommendation that John update ACSI re: Property Fit as the legislative session gets closer.