ACSI AQ, Climate, & Energy (AQCE) Subcommittee Meeting Notes
October 7, 2026

AQCE: Annabelle, Reed, Jona, Derron, Maleek, Natalia,
Staff: Silvia, Jairaj, Monique, Jillian
Guest: Santi Sanchez, CCC

Welcome | Introductions | Subcommittee member updates

- ACSI recruitment for 2027: Monique will reach out to members
- Verde has it's 21st birthday coming up! you can RSVP here if you're interested
- City of Portland Climate Action Plan: MultCo Sustainability & Health Department plans to engage.
- Neighbors for Clean Air is hosting its 2026 gala on 11/19

2025 ACSI letter on affordability public information plan

- Silvia discussed guidance provided by the 2025 ACSI letter and CJP on energy affordability outreach. She then described outreach work by the office, pointing to various efforts that are not articulated in a plan.
- Meeting participants and ACSI members highlighted the need for greater engagement with youth and an interest in collaborating on youth outreach.
- ACSI members asked about whether science teachers reach out to the County and whether having resources for teachers to use in classrooms would be a good development.
    - The Health Department and OS worked with Portland Public Schools sustainability staff and EPA on air filtration in schools
    - OS Staff has not had outreach from schools in the last year. Capacity constraints are a limitor for Staff.
    - ACSI members interested in collaborating on understanding need and potentially creating resources, especially in the context of the CJP.

Committee's focus post CJP approval

- ACSI members showed an interest in how the County can support greater uptake of clean energy and electrification through outreach.
- ACSI members discussed possible subcommittee structures and scope to help support CJP implementation. ACSI members and their organizations have been brainstorming to contribute to this conversation.
    - An idea that has come up is focusing on projects and form subgroups interested in the project. Projects would have specific goals and deliverables to organize the meetings around, bringing in speakers that add information needed for the work, use meetings as working sessions when it makes sense, and have learning focused agendas when we need

just in time learning to keep momentum going or get over a barrier to our deliverables. It would mean committing to two or more projects (like the research brief) that could help advise the Commissioners. Maybe the response to the resilience Brief will be an opportunity to ask the BCC what projects would be helpful

- ACSI members also wonder whether ACSI can lean more on health.
- ACSI members expressed the need of categorizing what activities in the CJP they can support with or help oversee, and what that looks like when an activity is in the scope of a part of the County other than Office of Sustainability.