

January updates from OCAP Table co-leads:

Cap & Reduce (Zach Baker, Don Sampson)

- The formal rulemaking is kicking off with the first RAC meeting scheduled for January 14th. The RAC will meet monthly from January to June ([dates here](#)). DEQ will provide materials in advance of the meetings and provide an opportunity for public comment at each RAC meeting as well as written comments afterwards. DEQ has set up [a webpage where all of the rulemaking info will be housed](#).
- The coalition's cap and reduce table will meet the Monday before each RAC meeting to prep as well as the Monday after each RAC meeting to debrief.
- We're launching an action alert effort prior to the 1st RAC meeting to make sure DEQ/the Governor's office sets the cap and reduce conversation on the right track. DEQ announced last month that they plan to exempt gas-fired power plants from the program and also have been unwilling to commit to the program at least reducing emissions consistent with the state climate goals. The effort will push for no exemptions and science based reductions - stay tuned for more from us on that.
- We've also been working on an [accountability campaign](#) aimed at the Environmental Quality Commission for their decisions regarding the Rulemaking Advisory Committee makeup. Thanks to those of you who weighed in with the Environmental Quality Commission already. We're hoping folks can also attend the [EQC meeting on January 21-22](#) to weigh in on the issue during public comment.

Transportation (Vee Paykar, Sara Wright, Aimee Okotie-Oyekan)

The OCAP transportation table is working on multiple actions at different agencies. Running updates can be found [here](#). Some of the areas with the most intense current activity and/or the best opportunities for activism:

- The Oregon Transportation Commission voted on December 11 to adopt a STIP "scenario" allocating funding between categories for projects in 2024-2027. OCAPPers submitted many oral and written comments supporting the "non-highway" scenario, which spends more money on pedestrian, bicycle and transit projects and was evaluated by ODOT staff as the best for climate and equity outcomes. The OCT adopted a final package that - thanks to our advocacy - included \$100 million more for non-highway projects than the last STIP package, but fell far short of the necessary shift toward decarbonization. We will be advocating for prioritization of climate and equity outcomes as the development of the STIP package.
- ODOT is hiring a replacement for the administrator of the Planning, Policy and Analysis division, which is really important for moving climate policy forward. Sara is organizing

a letter to the ODOT director (ccd to gov office and OTC) calling for a hire who understands and prioritizes climate and equity outcomes.

- The Department of Land Conservation and Development's "Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities" rulemaking is underway. Several OCAP reps are on the RAC, and we are also convening a behind-the-scenes group to track and support the work.
- ODOT is doing a Transportation Electrification Infrastructure Needs Analysis (TEINA). Forth is a contractor on the project, and OCAP is represented on the advisory committee. The next public TEINA meeting is at 8:30am on January 12th.
- The Environmental Quality Commission will meet on January 21st and 22nd. Various members of OCAP have submitted a joint comment letter focused on supporting the EQC to adopt CA's Advanced Clean Truck Rule and the importance of diesel strategies and transition to ZEVs to solve for disparate health impacts. The Advanced Clean Truck Rule will be voted on by the EQC later this year (second half of the year).
- The RAC process for DEQ's Clean Fuels TE rulemaking has concluded. DEQ has published their proposed rules and are accepting comments until January 29th. Various members of OCAP who have been participating in the Clean Fuels Program Advisory Committee will be submitting comments.

Clean Buildings and Appliances (Zach Baker, Ernesto Fonseca, Peter Kernan)

- The Building Codes Division (BCD) was supposed to update the residential and commercial code every 3 years even before OCAP. Those planned (before OCAP) residential and commercial code updates have been delayed over the past year or so because of Covid. But, BCD is moving forward with the residential code update that was in the works and it's expected to be in place by April 2021. Hope was that BCD would use the current update to set a better foundation for the next code cycle to get us on a better track to meeting the OCAP buildings goals - largely did not happen. BCD thinks much closer to the OCAP 2030 buildings goal than ZERO coalition or NEEA thinks we are. ZERO coalition technical folks are continuing to work on addressing BCD's overestimation of current progress towards achieving the 2030 goal set out in OCAP. The commercial code update is still delayed
- In addition to updating the residential and commercial codes every 3 years, OCAP directs BCD to also update the REACH code which goes above and beyond the base building code and provides for more energy efficiency. BCD put out an RFP for proposals on what the next residential REACH code should include/look like. ZERO coalition submitted a proposal which BCD is now considering along with other proposals submitted and further public process is expected. There will also likely be a bill this upcoming legislative session to allow local jurisdictions to adopt the REACH code as their base building code – currently the REACH code is voluntary.

- While much of the OCAP buildings policy work is being done through the existing [ZERO coalition](#), there has been a lot of interest in the topic among OCAP coalition members, so we'll likely be starting up a monthly buildings table meeting to provide status updates on implementation of OCAP as well as discuss new buildings policy ideas/gaps stemming from OCAP. Look out for meeting details to come.

Clean Energy (Heather Moline, Sherrie Villmark)

- No new updates for January

Natural and Working Lands (Lauren Anderson, Lisa Arkin, Danny Noonan, Megan Kemple)

Agriculture/Water Subtable

- In December, Oregon Climate and Ag Network and Beyond Toxics met with staff at ODA about implementation of the Oregon Climate Action Plan, which went well. They are open to our feedback on their Implementation Plan as well as program and policy recommendations.
- In December, we focused on responding to Oregon Global Warming Commission's survey on climate solutions for natural and working lands. OrCAN distributed the survey to 30+ [partner organizations](#) and most of our ag/water subtable members completed the survey and/or promoted it to farmers. OrCAN also hosted an [Info Session about OCAP and the survey](#). The agencies have received 600 responses to the [survey](#)! OrCAN has also offered to be a resource to the agencies as they hold focus groups and begin to draft proposed goals, programs, policies and practices.
- The Ag/Water Subtable's priority for January will be commenting on agency Implementation Plans.

Forest Subtable

- Finalized the forest subtable policy agenda for climate-smart forestry in Oregon
- Began to develop policy objectives for forest offsets in Oregon (will submit to DEQ)
- Submitted testimony to the Board of Forestry outlining our policy agenda for ODF's climate goal
- Began to develop policy objectives for woody biomass use in Oregon (will submit to Board of Forestry)
- Many sub-table members filled out the [NWL survey](#) and/or pushed it out to their members/allies who met the criteria (e.g. land owners / foresters)

Public Health (Nora Apter, Ira Cuello-Martinez)

- First annual OHA Climate and Health [report](#) published on Dec. 8th. Key themes in the report included impacts and intersections of racial equity, COVID, frontline workers, wildfires, and mental health.
- Webinar presentation on OHA Climate and Health report findings on Jan. 8th at 1pm. The presentation will include general takeaways and policy intersections with other OCAP issue areas. [Registration](#) required; webinar will be recorded for those unable to attend.
- We encourage advocates to take OHA's [Community Partner Survey](#) to provide feedback on the report by the end of January. Here are suggested points of feedback:
 - **Thank** OHA for prioritizing impacts to frontline workers, BIPOC, low-income and other frontline communities, and identifying opportunities for cross-agency collaboration to promote policy solutions with climate/health co-benefits.
 - **Encourage** OHA to include in its next annual report:
 - A discussion of the impacts (and health imperative to switch off) fossil "natural" gas;
 - Statistics on natural disasters/hospital visits that are OR focused
 - A map of health impacts (ie. asthma; heat stress) based on hospital visits can help tell the story on when and where Oregonians are most affected
 - Identify what out of the suggested actions OHA could take, has been taken, and what is next on the list
- Continued need to elevate the report with the media/public! Reach out to Brad from Renew Oregon if you are interested in doing an Op-Ed or LTE. [Fill out this form](#) to stay involved with social media engagement.
- Health table representatives meeting with OHA on EO deliverables next week. There has been little to no progress on workplace protection standards from exposure to wildfire smoke and excessive heat since OSHA has been focused on COVID-related work. We plan to draft a sign-on letter to make protection standards as strong and inclusive as possible. Agency on proposed for standards pushed to Sept. 2021.