



Clean Energy Planning Engagement Series for Oregon Tribal Nations

August 2024 Meeting Notes

August 30, 2024, 9:00 – 11:00 am, Pacific Time

These notes were synthesized and summarized by E Source, Pacific Power’s meeting facilitation partner.

Executive Summary

There were 11 individuals in attendance at the Clean Energy Planning Engagement Series for the Oregon Tribal Nations meeting on August 30, 2024. The meeting was hosted in a virtual setting with attendees joining via the ZOOM platform.

The following is a summary of the content and feedback received during the 2-hour public meeting.

AGENDA	
	Check In & Closing the Loop
	Rural Mobile Training Unit
	Clean Energy Planning
	September Onsite Acknowledgement
	Final Thoughts
	Next Steps

Attendee	Organization
Attendees	
Brian Boswell	Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative
Mike Lofting	Warm Springs Power and Enterprise
Dani Wilgus	Nixyaawii Community Financial Credit Services
Ellsworth Lang	Klamath Tribes (Klamath Modoc-Yahooskin)

Presenters

Kimberly Alejandro	Regulatory Manager, Pacific Power
Christina Medina	Manager, Stakeholder Policy & Engagement, Pacific Power
Jeff Brown	Hydro South Director
Tracy Moreland	Tribal Liaison Representative, Pacific Power
Jeffrey Daigle	Facilitator, E Source
Morgan Westberry	Facilitator, E Source

Pacific Power Affiliated Attendees

Jennifer Senner	Grant Program Manager
Tag Galvin-Darnieder	E Source, Facilitation Team

Meeting Notes

Opening

Pacific Power's Christina Medina welcomed participants to the August Clean Energy Planning Tribal Nations Engagement. Pacific Power is seeking to offer a space for meaningful dialogue and an opportunity to help offer lens on the work that is happening at the utility, as well as anywhere consultation can help to influence that work. Morgan Westberry, from the E Source facilitation team, then opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda, introducing presenters, and sharing meeting experience items. The information presented in the meeting will be posted online as a resource. More feedback and questions can also be sent to the engagement team offline.

Closing the Loop

Morgan Westberry recapped the last meeting, including:

- Reviewing current customer generation programs and brainstorming successor programs
- Structuring of the Biennial Report Community Summary to acknowledge member contributions

Check In

E Source's Morgan Westberry posed the check in question: *How will you spend the Labor Day weekend?* Below are a few responses.

- Getting some time to just relax with family and friends
- Recovering from college drop off
- Celebrating students that are on the way to college

Rural Mobile Training Unit

Jeff Brown, Hydro South Director, presented on the Rural Mobile Training Unit. The Training Unit is a partnership with Crater Lake Electrical Training Center and includes:

- 120 hours of classroom and hands on electrical training

- Tutoring at no charge
- No cost career exploration
- Transitional classes for potential entry into registered apprenticeships
- Accepting applicants from Douglas and Klamath counties

Jeff shared some of his history and why he places such high value on the Rural Mobile Training Unit as it can help kids in rural areas see an opportunity for a stable long-term career. This initiative is no-cost for and it can help these students find their way without the barriers associated with college. Jeff also highlighted that even though this is an electrical pre-apprenticeship program, the skills learned in these trainings are applicable across a variety of fields including HVAC work, industrial electrical work, etc.

Furthermore, Jeff played several videos showcasing the training center, the new mobile unit, and some of the students that have participated in the program.

Next, Jeff discussed the updates to the new mobile unit that is going out to different communities.

Tracy Moreland started a discussion about how similar programs have found that students have different needs. For example, some parents may not be able to do programs during the day and would need childcare at night. Jeff shared that the program was exploring options to get students involved and the program is able to offer some support fundings for students to be involved in the program. This funding could provide tutoring, child care assistance, safety gear, etc.

Meeting Discussion:

- Northwest Native Chamber questioned if this work also looks at connecting tribal communities to larger grid networks and exploring what the impact may look like?
 - Mr. Brown is not personally aware of those projects as he does not work with bigger interconnection projects.
 - Ms. Medina shared that she has been working with renewable groups and native nations leadership to have those of conversations. There is already a lot of work happening behind the scenes, but it is not all publicized. If the group is interested, this can be a topic of discussion in the upcoming Tribal nations meetings.
- Klamath Tribes asked about if additional school districts have been contacted to participate in the program
 - Mr. Brown shared that this was still in pilot phase but they have been working with additional school districts to determine the amount of effort to include them within the program. The team is evaluating whether it makes sense to offer some school districts every other year in order to meet class sizes and continue to generate interest. Mr. Brown will follow up with the school district contacts shared during the call.
- Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative asked how this program impacts timelines for apprenticeships.
 - Mr. Brown shared that it was dependent on the student's learning during the program but this program may take up to a year off of their internship time.
- The Cawl Creek Tribe shared that they have 7 journeymen electricians and they want to get interest from their members. This is a program that could serve the community well.
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- Elsworth asked if there was any informational materials to share with the group. The Tribe's News Department would be interested to know more about the program and potentially include it in a future newsletter.
 - Mr. Brown is working with other parties to create some materials and will share it with this group when it is ready.

Clean Energy Planning Meeting Update

Jeffrey Daigle, part of the E Source facilitation team, and Christina Medina highlighted the upcoming Clean Energy Planning Engagement Series Meeting taking place on September 10th. The first portion of the meeting is dedicated to updates surrounding the Clean Energy Plan and the second half of the meeting will be dedicated to open dialogue on various topics including community benefit indicators.

Meeting Discussion:

There were no questions or further dialogue on this topic.

September Onsite Update

Christina Medina shared that the September 27 meeting will take place in a hybrid fashion on September 27. Christina and the Pacific Power team shared gratitude to the hosts of the meeting, Warm Springs Power. One of the activities will be to facilitate a talking circle to give the participants the opportunity to talk and share feedback without interruption.

Members of the Tribal Nations Advisory Group can receive support from Pacific Power to participate in this meeting on site. Please reach out to Christina Medina for specific details on the reimbursement policy.

Another section of this meeting will be dedicated to resilience planning as the group has shared concerns around reliability in past meetings. Energy Trust of Oregon has also been invited to the meeting to provide updates.

Christina Medina shared that this space may conflict in November and December. The facilitation team will work with members to identify another meeting time that will work with more members during the September meeting.

Meeting Discussion:

- All members on the line shared support for staying in Tribal-owned facilities such as Kah-Nee-Ta Hot Springs Resort which just recently reopened.

Final Thoughts

Morgan Westberry welcomed final thoughts from the group. Morgan reshared the meeting's survey link and encouraged participation.

There were no parting thoughts shared.

Meeting Close & Next Steps

Christina Medina thanked the group for the dialogue today and reiterated that feedback is being tracked in a living document that is posted online to ensure feedback is being acknowledged and captured.

Upcoming Meetings

The next Oregon Tribal Nations Engagement Series meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2024, from 9:00 – 12:00am at Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises. Those who wish to attend and need travel support should reach out to Christina Medina. Those who cannot accommodate travel are welcome to join via [Zoom](#).

Resources

Pacific Power's Christina Medina shared a slide of resource links and closed the meeting.

- Email comments to: TribalRelations@PacifiCorp.com
- For more information: [Oregon Clean Energy Plan Updated Engagement Strategy](#)
- <https://www.pacificorp.com/energy/oregon-community-benefits-and-impacts.html>