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WASHINGTON STATE  
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL  
MONTHLY MEETING

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Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

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2 STATE AGENCY MEMBERS:

3 Kathleen Drew, Chair  
4 Elizabeth Osborne, Department of Commerce  
5 Eli Levitt, Department of Ecology  
6 Mike Livingston, Department of Fish and Wildlife  
7 Lenny Young, Department of Natural Resources  
8 Stacey Brewster, Utilities & Transportation  
9 Commission

10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OPTIONAL STATE AGENCIES:

11 Horse Heaven:  
12 Ed Brost, Benton County  
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14 Badger Mountain:  
15 Jordyn Guilio, Douglas County  
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17 Wautoma Solar:  
18 Dave Sharp, Benton County  
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20 Washington State Department of Transportation:  
21 Paul Gonseth  
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23 Carriger Solar:  
24 Matt Chiles, Klickitat County

25 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL:

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26 Ami Hafkemeyer	27 Joanne Snarski
28 Amy Moon	29 Alex Shiley
30 Joan Owens	31 Ali Smith
32 Dave Walker	33 Karl Holappa
34 Lisa Masengale	35 Audra Allen
36 Sara Randolph	37 Maria Belkina
38 Sean Greene	39 Lisa McLean
40 Lance Caputo	41 Adrienne Barker
42 John Barnes	43 Catherine Taliaferro

44 OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

45 Kittitas Valley Wind Project:  
46 Jarred Caseday

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2 OPERATIONAL UPDATES (Continuing):

3 Wild Horse Wind Power Project:  
4 Jennifer Galbraith

5 Chehalis Generation Facility:  
6 Jeremy Smith

7 Columbia Solar:  
8 Thomas Cushing

9 Columbia Generating Station and WNP - 1/4:  
10 Felicia Najera-Paxton

11 Goose Prairie Solar:  
12 Jacob Crist

13 High Top & Ostrea  
14 Sara Randolph

15 Whistling Ridge:  
16 Lance Caputo

17 Badger Mountain:  
18 Joanne Snarski

19 Wautoma Solar:  
20 Lance Caputo

21 Hop Hill Solar:  
22 John Barnes

23 Carriger Solar:  
24 Joanne Snarski

25 Horse Heaven Wind Farm:  
Amy Moon

Cascade Renewable Transmission:  
Marina Belkina

26 COUNSEL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:

27 Sarah Reyneveld  
28 Gary Carl

1 CHAIR DREW: Good afternoon. This is  
2 Kathleen Drew, Chair of the Energy Facility Site  
3 Evaluation Council, bringing our February meeting to  
4 order.

5 Ms. Grantham, will you call the role.

6 MS. GRANTHAM: Certainly.

7 Department of Commerce.

8 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne, present.

9 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Ecology.

10 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt, present.

11 MS. GRANTHAM: Fish and Wildlife.

12 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston present.

13 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Natural  
14 Resources.

15 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young present.

16 MS. GRANTHAM: Utilities and  
17 Transportation Commission.

18 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster present.

19 MS. GRANTHAM: Local Government and  
20 Optional State Agencies. For the Horse Heaven Project,  
21 for Benton County, Ed Brost.

22 MR. BROST: Ed Brost is present.

23 MS. GRANTHAM: Badger Mountain, Douglas  
24 County, Jordyn Guilio.

25 MS. GUILIO: Jordyn Guilio present.

1 MS. GRANTHAM: Wautoma Solar, for Benton  
2 County, Dave Sharp.

3 MR. SHARP: Present.

4 MS. GRANTHAM: The Washington State  
5 Department of Transportation, Paul Gonseth.

6 MR. GONSETH: Paul Gonseth present.

7 MS. GRANTHAM: For Hop Hill Solar, for  
8 Benton County, Paul Krupin.

9 For Carriger Solar, for Klickitat County, Matt  
10 Chiles.

11 Assistant attorney generals. Jon Thompson.  
12 Jenna Slocum.

13 MS. SLOCUM: Present.

14 MS. GRANTHAM: Zach Packer.  
15 Administrative law judges. Adam Torem. Laura  
16 Bradley. Dan Gerard. Joni Derifield.

17 For Council staff, Sonia Bumpus. Ami  
18 Hafkemeyer.

19 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present.

20 MS. GRANTHAM: Amy Moon.

21 MS. MOON: Amy Moon present.

22 MS. GRANTHAM: Stew Henderson. Joan  
23 Owens.

24 MS. OWENS: Present.

25 MS. GRANTHAM: Dave Walker.

1 MR. WALKER: Present.

2 MS. GRANTHAM: Sonja Skavland. Lisa  
3 Masengale.

4 MS. MASENGALE: Present.

5 MS. GRANTHAM: Sara Randolph.

6 MS. RANDOLPH: Present.

7 MS. GRANTHAM: Sean Greene.

8 MR. GREENE: Present.

9 MS. GRANTHAM: Lance Caputo.

10 MR. CAPUTO: Present.

11 MS. GRANTHAM: John Barnes.

12 MR. BARNES: Present.

13 MS. GRANTHAM: Joanne Snarski.

14 MS. SNARSKI: Present.

15 MS. GRANTHAM: Alex Shiley.

16 MR. SHILEY: Present.

17 MS. GRANTHAM: Ali Smith.

18 MS. SMITH: Ali Smith present.

19 MS. GRANTHAM: Karl Holappa.

20 MR. HOLAPPA: Also present.

21 MS. GRANTHAM: Audra Allen.

22 MS. ALLEN: Present.

23 MS. GRANTHAM: Zia Ahmed. Maria Belkina.

24 MS. BELKINA: Present.

25 MS. GRANTHAM: Lisa McLean.

1 MS. MCLEAN: Present.  
2 MS. GRANTHAM: Adrienne Barker.  
3 MS. BARKER: Present.  
4 MS. GRANTHAM: And Catherine Taliaferro.  
5 MS. TALIAFERRO: Present.  
6 MS. GRANTHAM: For the operational  
7 updates. Kittitas Valley Wind Project.  
8 MR. CASEDAY: Jarred Caseday present.  
9 MS. GRANTHAM: Wild Horse Wind Power  
10 Project.  
11 MS. GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith  
12 present.  
13 MS. GRANTHAM: Grays Harbor Energy Center.  
14 Chehalis Generation Facility.  
15 MR. SMITH: Jeremy Smith present.  
16 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Generating  
17 Station.  
18 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Felicia Najera-Paxton  
19 present.  
20 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Solar.  
21 MR. CUSHING: Thomas Cushing present.  
22 MS. GRANTHAM: Goose Prairie Solar.  
23 MR. CRIST: Jacob Crist present.  
24 MS. GRANTHAM: And do we have anyone  
25 present for the Counsel For the Environment?



1 MS. REYNEVELD: Yeah. Sarah Reyneveld and  
2 Gary Carl are both present.

3 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you.

4 Chair, we have a quorum for all councils.

5 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

6 Next on our agenda is the proposed agenda. You  
7 see before us the proposed agenda. Is there a motion to  
8 adopt the proposed agenda?

9 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young. So moved.

10 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

11 Second?

12 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt. Second.

13 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

14 Any discussion?

15 All those in favor, say "aye."

16 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

17 CHAIR DREW: All those opposed?

18 Motion carries. The agenda is adopted.

19 Moving on to the meeting minutes of January 31,  
20 2024. You have had a chance to review the meeting  
21 minutes. I -- is there a motion to approve the meeting  
22 minutes?

23 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster. So moved.

24 CHAIR DREW: Second?

25 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston. Second.

1 CHAIR DREW: I did not find any  
2 corrections. Is there anyone else who has any  
3 corrections to make?

4 MR. CHILES: This is Matt Chiles,  
5 Klickitat County. And I do not see me listed as  
6 present, but I was present for that meeting.

7 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

8 And we should do the same for Mr. Brost as he  
9 was present for that meeting, as well.

10 Okay. With those amendments, all those in  
11 favor of approving the minutes from January 31st, please  
12 say "aye."

13 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

14 CHAIR DREW: Opposed, "nay."

15 The meeting minutes are approved.

16 Moving on to our facility updates.

17 Mr. Caseday, welcome.

18 MR. CASEDAY: Good morning. Good morning,  
19 Chair Drew, EFSEC Council, and staff. I am Jerry  
20 Caseday, EDP Renewables, for the Kittitas County Wind  
21 Power Project. We have nothing nonroutine to report for  
22 this period.

23 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

24 MR. CASEDAY: Thank you.

25 CHAIR DREW: Wild Horse wind facility.

1 Ms. Galbraith.

2 MS. GALBRAITH: Yes. Thank you, Chair  
3 Drew, Council members, and staff. This is Jennifer  
4 Galbraith with Puget Sound Energy for the Wild Horse  
5 wind facility, and I also have nothing nonroutine to  
6 report for the month of January.

7 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

8 Moving on to Chehalis Generation Facility.

9 Mr. Smith.

10 I thought I heard him. I thought he was there.  
11 We might have an audio problem there.

12 MS. RANDOLPH: I can go ahead and fill in.  
13 This is Sara Randolph, Site Specialist --

14 MR. SMITH: Can you hear me now?

15 MS. RANDOLPH: -- for Chehalis.

16 CHAIR DREW: Oh. There he is. Okay.  
17 Thank you. Yes. Go ahead.

18 MR. SMITH: Apologies.

19 Good afternoon, Chair Drew, Council members,  
20 and staff. This is ~~Jerry~~ <sup>Jeremy</sup> Smith, the Operations Manager  
21 representing the Chehalis Generation Facility. I have  
22 nothing nonroutine to report for the month of January.

23 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

24 Grays Harbor Energy. Mr. Sherin.

25 MS. RANDOLPH: I didn't hear him on the

1 line earlier.

2 CHAIR DREW: Nor did I. Go ahead,  
3 Ms. Randolph.

4 MS. RANDOLPH: Okay. Thank you.

5 For the record, this is Sara Randolph, Site  
6 Specialist for Grays Harbor. The facility update is  
7 provided in your packet. The ACC and application for  
8 modification for the air operating permit, or the AOP,  
9 is under review. Due to combustion issues, the CTG1 CEM  
10 was shut down and has undergone maintenance with a  
11 corrective action plan. There are no other updates to  
12 report at this time.

13 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

14 Columbia Solar Project. Mr. Cushing.

15 MR. CUSHING: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,  
16 Council members, EFSEC staff. This is Thomas Cushing  
17 speaking on behalf of Columbia Solar. There are no  
18 nonroutine updates to report for the month of January.

19 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

20 Columbia Generating Station and Washington  
21 Nuclear Project 1 and 4. Ms. Najera-Paxton.

22 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Good afternoon, Chair  
23 Drew and Council members. This is Felicia Najera-Paxton  
24 calling on behalf of Columbia Generating Station. I  
25 am -- we have no nonroutine reports for the month of

1 January.

2 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

3 Goose Prairie Solar Project. Mr. Crist.

4 MR. CRIST: Yeah. Good afternoon, Chair  
5 Drew, EFSEC Council, and staff. This is Jacob Crist,  
6 Senior Project Manager with Brookfield Renewable on  
7 behalf of Goose Prairie Solar.

8 So the construction status. The project  
9 remains on schedule. We were shut down for a week due  
10 to poor weather conditions. We still did take PV Panel  
11 deliveries. We are up to 60 megawatts right now dc of  
12 panels, so a little bit over halfway. Perimeter fence  
13 and racking/tracking -- "tracker" activities continued  
14 through Feb- -- January, sorry. Modular installation  
15 also continues. And in the month of January, we did  
16 take delivery of all 22 inverters.

17 For the environmental compliance. Due to the  
18 weather event, there was -- it shut the job down. We  
19 had significant rain and snow melt with frozen ground  
20 the week of January 22nd. So Basin 02, one of our  
21 basins on the west side of the property was overcome  
22 with water. It was -- it was draining through the  
23 outflow, across the road, and into a farmer's field west  
24 of the project. As a result, our contractor plugged  
25 Basin 02 and two sediment traps and started pumping into

1 one of the larger basins on the south side of the  
2 project which is the largest basin on the site. Those  
3 BMPs were maintained through that event until conditions  
4 returned to normal.

5 The weather event and that Basin 02, they are  
6 both under evaluation to determine, you know, what that  
7 weather event looked like from a storm, whether it be  
8 25, 50, 100 year, with all the different conditions we  
9 had, and if the additional basins are needed on-site to  
10 avoid this situation for future construction and then,  
11 most importantly, for operation. So again, that's still  
12 under investigation and review.

13 And then on the 18th, with the frozen  
14 conditions, we had a 1000 Gallon double walled diesel  
15 fuel tank that was noticed to be slowly dripping, during  
16 an inspection, a morning inspection, from the side of  
17 the tank. PCL, our EPC, they are -- they are reporting  
18 the main cause was the tank being filled the previous  
19 day. And then something in the tank changed overnight  
20 with freezing conditions, causing it to basically seep  
21 out the top, across the top of the tank, and down to the  
22 ground. It was a double walled fuel tank. Immediate  
23 action was taken by PCL to remediate the spill. The  
24 estimate was approximately two to three gallons of  
25 diesel fuel leaked on top to the ground. The ground was

1 still frozen. The leak was contained. A  
2 remediation/abatement crew has been on-site at this  
3 time, at the time of the report, and they removed a  
4 small area of contaminated soil and took deeper soil  
5 samples to confirm that it didn't infiltrate deeper  
6 soil. EFSEC and Ecology were notified of the spill.  
7 EFSEC and Ecology were also notified of the basin event.  
8 Frequent monitoring still occurs with WSP with no  
9 findings reported to-date.

10 We did entertain a -- or, I guess accommodate,  
11 sorry, a swift inspection from EFSEC and Ecology  
12 yesterday, so we appreciate that and any feedback from  
13 that. And then as far as reports submitted to the EFSEC  
14 staff last month, we submitted our Q4 2023 construction  
15 report and to revise this PCC plan.

16 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

17 Are there questions from Council members?  
18 Mr. Young.

19 MR. YOUNG: Yeah. Has that tank been  
20 inspected or repaired to ensure that if we get another  
21 cold snap, that the same thing doesn't happen again?

22 MR. CRIST: Yes, sir. That tank was  
23 immediately drained/inspected. Nothing was found to be  
24 wrong with the tank. They put provisions in place to  
25 basically not fill the tank to the fill line; to -- to

1 fill it with a less amount. And it's also in a  
2 double -- excuse me. So it's a double walled tank. And  
3 one of the corrective actions was to go ahead and put in  
4 a secondary containment, too, so if it does -- it does  
5 decide to do this, which, we don't expect it will now,  
6 that it will be contained in -- in -- in that  
7 containment.

8 MR. YOUNG: Thank you.

9 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Any other questions  
10 from Council members?

11 Thank you very much.

12 MR. CRIST: Thank you.

13 CHAIR DREW: High Top & Ostrea project.  
14 And that is Ms. Randolph; is that right?

15 MS. RANDOLPH: Yes. Thank you.

16 CHAIR DREW: I need to get my agenda back  
17 up. My apologies.

18 MS. RANDOLPH: No worries.

19 CHAIR DREW: Go ahead.

20 MS. RANDOLPH: Chair Drew, Council  
21 members, and staff, for the record, this is Sara  
22 Randolph, Site Specialist for High Top & Ostrea.

23 EFSEC staff are continuing to work with the  
24 developer on preconstruction requirements and plans. We  
25 have no other updates at this time.



1 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

2 MS. RANDOLPH: Thank you.

3 CHAIR DREW: Whistling Ridge Project  
4 update. Mr. Caputo.

5 MR. CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair Drew and  
6 Council members. Staff are working to schedule the  
7 hearing for the Whistling Ridge Energy Project's  
8 extension request and transfer request. Details of the  
9 hearing will be announced once they are available.

10 May I answer any questions?

11 CHAIR DREW: Any questions?

12 Thank you.

13 Badger Mountain. Ms. Snarski.

14 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair Drew, and  
15 good afternoon, Council members. For the record, this  
16 is Joanne Snarski, the siting specialist for Badger  
17 Mountain Solar.

18 Efforts continue on the development of the  
19 supplemental cultural resources survey. A work plan has  
20 been completed for the initial pedestrian survey.  
21 Additionally, we are continuing to work with the  
22 Department of Natural Resources to obtain an access  
23 agreement for our subcontractors to state lands for the  
24 cultural resources survey. Finally, the findings of  
25 this survey will inform the cultural resources section

1 of the draft environmental impact statement.

2 Any questions?

3 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions for  
4 Ms. Snarski?

5 Thank you. Wautoma Solar Project. Mr. Caputo.

6 MR. CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair Drew and  
7 Council members. Staff are continuing coordination with  
8 our contracting agencies, tribal staff, and the  
9 applicant to refine/identify mitigation. Staff are  
10 continuing discussions with the Office of Administrative  
11 Hearings and our Attorney General's Office support team  
12 in preparation of adjudicative proceedings logistics.

13 May I answer any questions?

14 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions?

15 Thank you.

16 Hop Hill Solar Project. Mr. Barnes.

17 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Drew and  
18 Council members. For the record, this is John Barnes,  
19 EFSEC staff, for the Hop Hill application.

20 Work is still proceeding with the applicant to  
21 complete studies and reports needed to make a SEPA  
22 determination. We continue to coordinate and review the  
23 application with our contractor, contracted agencies,  
24 and tribal governments.

25 Are there any questions?

1 CHAIR DREW: Questions?

2 Thank you.

3 MR. BARNES: Thank you.

4 CHAIR DREW: Carriger Solar. Ms. Snarski.

5 MS. SNARSKI: Yes. Thank you, Chair Drew  
6 and Council members. For the record, this is Joanne  
7 Snarski, the siting specialist for Carriger Solar.

8 Cyprus Creek Renewables, on behalf of Carriger  
9 Solar, submitted their original application for site  
10 certification in February of 2023. Since that time,  
11 staff have been working with the applicant to obtain  
12 more detailed information on the proposed facility  
13 regarding natural and cultural resources. As you  
14 recall, this also includes EFSEC contracting with the  
15 Yakama Nation to complete the Traditional Cultural  
16 Property study which is anticipated to be completed in  
17 December of this year.

18 In order to complete this additional work, the  
19 applicant is requesting an extension to April 1, 2025.  
20 RCW 80.50.100 states that a recommendation must be made  
21 to the Governor within 12 months of receipt of the  
22 application or such time as agreed upon by the Council  
23 and the applicant. The extension request letter was  
24 posted for public comment ahead of today's meeting, and  
25 one public comment was received opposing the extension.

1 Staff have coordinated with the applicant on the  
2 extension request and are recommending the Council  
3 members vote to approve.

4 I can answer any questions.

5 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions for  
6 Ms. Snarski?

7 MR. CHILES: Yes. This is Matt Chiles  
8 from Klickitat County. Was the -- the comment that was  
9 received against, did they have any reasonings for that?

10 MS. SNARSKI: The comment really was  
11 indicating that they thought there was sufficient time  
12 for the applicant to submit materials. But as you can  
13 hear from my update, there is a lot of back-and-forth in  
14 this process, and that we --

15 MR. CHILES: Thank you very much.

16 MS. SNARSKI: -- often, if not always,  
17 require more detailed information, and that's where we  
18 are at with this application.

19 MR. CHILES: Okay. Thank you.

20 MS. SNARSKI: No problem.

21 CHAIR DREW: Any other questions?

22 Hearing none, is there a motion to approve the  
23 extension request for Carriger Solar to April 1, 2025?

24 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young. So moved.

25 CHAIR DREW: Second?

1 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles. Seconded.

2 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Discussion?

3 Okay. All those in favor, please say "aye."

4 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

5 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

6 Motion carries. The extension is approved.

7 Thank you.

8 Horse Heaven Wind Project.

9 MS. MOON: Good afternoon, Council Chair  
10 Drew and EFSEC Council members. For the record, this is  
11 Amy Moon reporting on the Horse Heaven Wind Project.

12 Since issuing the Horse Heaven Wind Project  
13 final environmental impact statement, referred to as the  
14 final EIS, on October 31, 2023, EFSEC staff had  
15 continued to address Council feedback and direction  
16 provided at Council meetings.

17 At the January 31, 2024, Council meeting, the  
18 Council directed EFSEC staff to update several  
19 mitigation measures. These measures are for potential  
20 inclusion in a draft site certification agreement if the  
21 Council were to recommend the project for the Governor's  
22 approval. Staff continue to work on these updates  
23 within draft documents that will be provided to the  
24 Council for review.

25 I have nothing further to report. However,

1 Sean Greene has one brief note regarding a correction  
2 from his presentation to the Council at the last meeting  
3 on January 31st.

4 Are there any --

5 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

6 Mr. Greene.

7 MS. MOON: Oh.

8 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

9 MS. MOON: I was going to say. Are there  
10 any questions before Sean takes over?

11 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions for  
12 Ms. Moon?

13 Okay. Thank you.

14 Go ahead, Mr. Greene.

15 MR. GREENE: Okay. Thank you, Amy, Chair  
16 Drew, and Council members. I just want to share a quick  
17 image.

18 In the -- during our previous Council meeting,  
19 in our discussions about mitigation, I had described  
20 this green colored line that you see as part of the  
21 project as the primary transmission line. That was a  
22 mischaracterization on my part. It is actually an  
23 optional intertie line that would connect the east and  
24 west substations for the project. This does not  
25 materially affect any of the considerations that the

1 Council has made, and it would still be classified as a  
2 secondary project component for the purposes of  
3 mitigation, but I just wanted to clarify that matter.

4 CHAIR DREW: Any questions for Mr. Greene?

5 Okay. Thank you.

6 I think we also have information from  
7 Ms. Hafkemeyer.

8 Oh. Go ahead.

9 MR. GREENE: I think there is a question  
10 from Mr. Young.

11 CHAIR DREW: Oh. I don't see it.

12 Okay. Mr. Young.

13 MR. YOUNG: No. My hand should be down.  
14 I do not have a question.

15 MR. GREENE: Oh. Sorry.

16 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

17 Ms. Hafkemeyer.

18 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you. Good  
19 afternoon, Chair Drew and Council. For the record, this  
20 is Ami Hafkemeyer. At the January 31st Council meeting,  
21 the Council deliberated on mitigation measures related  
22 to impacts identified in the Horse Heaven final EIS.  
23 Following the meeting, EFSEC staff learned that Council  
24 member Brost experienced technical difficulties during  
25 the call and ultimately was unable to cast his vote for

1 each of the Council's motions concerning mitigation and  
2 Council's direction to EFSEC staff. Following the  
3 meeting, Council member Brost provided his votes to  
4 staff which we would like to note for the record today.  
5 And this will be a little lengthy, so bear with me.

6 The motions from the January 31st Council  
7 meeting were as-follows:

8 Motion 1 proposed that the areas of the wind  
9 micrositing corridor containing the red-colored Class 3  
10 impact turbines as identified within figures 2-5 and 2-6  
11 of the FEIS be excluded. The Council has determined  
12 that these turbines would be highly impactful to a  
13 number of sensitive resources and directs staff to  
14 ensure that mitigation within a potential SCA exclude  
15 any of these identified turbines from being sited in  
16 this area. As proposed, Species 5 would have the effect  
17 of excluding all of the targeted turbines. And Council  
18 member Brost is in favor of this motion.

19 Motion 2 proposed that new mitigation measure  
20 Veg-10 be developed to exclude the siting of any solar  
21 arrays on rabbitbrush shrubland or WDFW designated  
22 priority habitat. Council member Brost is in favor of  
23 this motion.

24 Motion 3 proposed that the wildlife corridor  
25 mitigation from the final EIS Hab-1 be modified to



1 exclude any primary project components -- specifically,  
2 turbines, solar arrays, and BESS -- from being sited  
3 within any wildlife movement corridors modeled as medium  
4 to very high linkage by the Washington wildlife habitat  
5 connectivity working group. Council member is in --  
6 Brost was in favor of this motion.

7 Motion 4 proposed that the wildlife corridor  
8 mitigation from the final EIS identified as Hab-1 be  
9 modified to exclude any secondary project components  
10 such as roads and power lines from being sited within  
11 any wildlife movement corridors modeled as high to very  
12 high linkage by the Washington wildlife habitat  
13 connectivity working group unless colocated with other  
14 state infrastructure. Any secondary components to be  
15 sited within medium to very high linkage corridors would  
16 be -- would require a corridor mitigation plan as  
17 outlined in Hab-1. Council member Brost is in favor of  
18 this motion.

19 Motion 5 proposed that the ferruginous hawk  
20 mitigation from the final EIS Species 5 be modified to  
21 exclude the siting of any one turbine within two miles  
22 of a documented ferruginous hawk nest, excluding the  
23 siting of any solar arrays or BESS within 0.5 miles of a  
24 documented ferruginous hawk nest and only allow siting  
25 of solar arrays or BESS from a 0.5 to two mile of a

1 documented nest if the applicant can demonstrate that  
2 the nesting site is unavailable, the foraging habitat is  
3 not viable, and produces a mitigation and management  
4 plan. Council member Brost is in favor of this motion.

5 Motion 6 proposed that the ferruginous hawk  
6 mitigation from the final EIS Species 5 be modified to  
7 require that prior to siting any secondary components  
8 such as roads, transmission lines, interconnections  
9 within two miles of a documented nest, the applicant  
10 demonstrate that the nesting site is unavailable, the  
11 forging habitat is not viable, and produces a mitigation  
12 and management plan. Council member Brost is in favor  
13 of this motion.

14 And finally, Motion 7 proposed that new  
15 mitigation measure CR-3 be developed to exclude the  
16 siting of any project components east of Straub Canyon  
17 to reduce anticipated impacts to Traditional Cultural  
18 Property. Council member Brost is in favor of this  
19 motion.

20 Are there any questions on that discussion?

21 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions from  
22 Council -- Horse Heaven Council members?

23 MR. BROST: This is Ed Brost. Can I add a  
24 question here?

25 CHAIR DREW: Certainly.

1 MR. BROST: In the email that I sent -- in  
2 the email that I sent regarding my votes on these seven  
3 motions, I asked a question about, what was there a vote  
4 taken or will there be a vote taken on the original  
5 project as proposed, as a result of Motions 1-through-7  
6 now or is that not necessary?

7 CHAIR DREW: Thank you for the question.  
8 I do know Ms. Hafkemeyer was calling to discuss your  
9 questions with you. And no, there was -- there was  
10 not -- we will only -- we will address motions that are  
11 put forward by Council members when we have a final  
12 discussion, but they are not necessary to have any of  
13 those put forward. We will be voting on what's in front  
14 of us as the mitigated project.

15 MR. BROST: Okay. All right. Thank you.

16 CHAIR DREW: M-hmm. Thank you.

17 And I think that concludes our update on the  
18 Horse Heaven Wind Farm.

19 Moving on to the Cascade Renewable Transmission  
20 Project update. This is still a preapplication process  
21 and has not been brought forward to the Council at this  
22 point. Ms. Belkina.

23 MS. BELKINA: Good afternoon, Chair Drew  
24 and Council members. We have held public information  
25 meetings on the application process and <sup>expect</sup> the application

1 around June, and nothing nonroutine to update now.

2 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you very much.

3 Moving on to the next part of our agenda,  
4 employee updates, Catherine Taliaferro. I hope I  
5 pronounced that correctly. Mr. Walker.

6 MR. WALKER: Thank you, Chair Drew. Good  
7 afternoon, everyone. This is Dave Walker, Director of  
8 Administrative Services for EFSEC. We have a couple of  
9 staffing changes that were happening this month. And I  
10 first wanted to introduce our new records manager,  
11 Catherine Taliaferro. She comes to us from the Health  
12 Care Authority.

13 Catherine, would you mind saying a few words?

14 MS. TALIAFERRO: Good afternoon, Chair  
15 Drew and Council members. My name is Catherine  
16 Taliaferro. I -- prior to coming to EFSEC, I was the  
17 records officer for the Washington State Health Care  
18 Authority overseeing their public records program. I am  
19 just excited to join the EFSEC team and looking forward  
20 to be able to work with all of you.

21 MR. WALKER: Thank you, Catherine.

22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you and welcome aboard.

23 MS. TALIAFERRO: Thank you.

24 MR. WALKER: And secondly, I wanted to  
25 make formal recognition today of an outgoing employee.

1 Lisa Masengale has been our records manager for  
2 the past year-plus here at EFSEC, and she is leaving us  
3 at the end of this month. Lisa has done an absolute  
4 outstanding job since the inception of EFSEC in June of  
5 '22, in establishing our records program procedures and  
6 everything associated with a functional records program  
7 for a standalone agency.

8 So, Lisa, thank you very much for all of your  
9 effort and hard work these past months. You did a  
10 fantastic job, and we wish you all the best in your  
11 future endeavors.

12 CHAIR DREW: Thank you, Dave.

13 Also, I want to say to Lisa I think all the  
14 Council members know well the hours and labor you put  
15 through to help make our adjudication run as smoothly as  
16 possible in August, as well as the parties and everybody  
17 else who participated in that.

18 So please join me in thanking Lisa and giving  
19 me -- her a huge round of applause for all her work.

20 (Applause.)

21 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

22 MR. WALKER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you,  
23 Chair Drew.

24 CHAIR DREW: Okay. If there is nothing  
25 else to come before us today, our meeting is adjourned.

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Thank you very much.

(Meeting adjourned at 2:03  
p.m.)

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