



Skagit County Climate Impact Advisory Committee

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Members: Jon Riedel, Don McMoran, Patsy Martin, Joel Dryden, Robert Pavia, Jason Vander Kooy, Bob Carey, Mark Radka, Betty Carteret, Jenna Friebel, Daryl Hamburg, Curtis Clement, Nora Kammer, and Marcus Campidilli

Climate Impact Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Please refer to the video recording of the Climate Impact Advisory Committee (CIAC) meeting for in-depth information about these meeting minutes. Meeting materials, recordings, and referenced information can be found on the CIAC website:

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Summary of Meeting

Roll Call

Jenna Friebel: Present

Jon Riedel: Absent

Don McMoran: Absent

Patsy Martin: Present

Joel Dryden: Present (Virtual)

Robert Pavia: Absent

Jason Vander Kooy: Present

Bob Carey: Present

Mark Radka: Present

Betty Carteret: Present

Daryl Hamburg: Present

Curtis Clement: Present

Marcus Campidilli: Present (Virtual)

Nora Kammer: Present

Clean Energy Advisory Group Update

The first meeting of the Clean Energy Advisory Group will be on July 17, 2026, and will meet monthly through November. The group will likely dissolve after unless more work is

needed. The group will be providing recommendations to Planning Department on creating updated siting and permitting regulations for solar power, battery energy storage systems, clean fuel production, and fusion reactors.

Vice Chair Carteret will attend an Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting and connect with Terry Sapp, the agricultural representative on the group.

CIAC Field Trip

The June field trip went very well. The stops were educational and useful for the group to visit together. CIAC members would like to arrange a second field trip in early September for other project areas. Chair Friebe will collect ideas for stops in September and make the necessary logistical arrangements.

August and September Presentation Discussions

CIAC and County staff discussed the typical arrangements and schedule for Flood Awareness Week (FAW). For 2026, FAW has been moved from October to September to ensure the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can participate.

The CIAC requested to schedule Julie de Losada, Chief of Emergency Management, to speak on the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan, post-flood recovery, and how the Department of Emergency Management uses flood and coastal hazard information during the August meeting.

The CIAC would like to host a joint presentation by the Planning Department and Public Works for the September meeting to discuss how flood and coastal hazard information impacts their work, including comprehensive planning and land-use decisions, infrastructure planning for roads, stormwater, and parks, and budget impacts and response workload from the 2025 floods.

2026 Workplan Discussion

Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Work Plans

1. Riverine Flooding / River Hydrology Subcommittee
 - Develop a question set for technical experts.
 - Understand hydrology assumptions, model setup, scenario design, uncertainties.
 - Interface first in a small technical setting, then bring synthesized findings and a broader presentation back to the full committee.

2. Coastal / Sea-Level Flooding Subcommittee

- Will design a work plan for coastal hazards:
 - Engage coastal hazard experts.
 - Address sea level rise, storm surge, coastal flooding dynamics.
 - Embrace the idea of ranges of probable scenarios, not a single deterministic forecast.

New short-term ad hoc group – Climate / Emission Scenarios

- CIAC agreed to create a short-term, ad hoc “information-chase” group (not a standing subcommittee) to:
 - Clarify probable future climate scenarios relevant to this committee.
 - Evaluate and synthesize existing state and regional guidance.
 - Advise on which scenarios / planning horizons are appropriate for county use.
 - Provide clear, public-facing explanation of what scenarios like RCP 8.5 mean in practical terms.
- Consensus that this group should not reinvent the wheel, but leverage existing work.
- Committee member Mark Radka will confirm membership.
- Define a narrow, time-bound scope: recommend climate scenarios and planning horizons for committee use, drawing on state/regional experts and existing guidance.
- Prepare a written summary / “introductory chapter” for the committee’s eventual report that explains the climate basis in accessible language.

2026 Work Plan Next Steps

- Agreement that the work plan is:
 - A roadmap for how the committee will proceed.
 - A “live document” that can be updated as learning and conditions evolve.
 - Intended to be shared as a draft work plan with the Board of Commissioners to demonstrate structure and progress, not as a rigid final product.
- CIAC members agree to clean up comments for a final draft by the August meeting.

Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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