

**Equity Advisory Group –  
Equity Lens Session**

Meeting Date: November 19, 2022  
 Time: 4:30pm – 6:00pm  
 Location: Zoom Meeting

**Attendees:**

<b>Facilitator:</b>	<b>EAG Members:</b>
<i>Amber Lenhart</i>	<i>Tami Dillon</i>
<b>Avista:</b>	<i>Dave Tietz</i>
<i>Tamara Bradley</i>	<i>Vanessa Strange</i>
<i>Kelly Dengel</i>	<i>Jupiter</i>
<i>Annette Brandon</i>	<i>Cindy Kimmet</i>
<i>Amanda Ghering</i>	<i>Connie Kliewer</i>
	<b>Guests:</b>
	<i>Molly Brewer</i>

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome & Introductions
  - Overview of Meeting: Rules and Intent
- II. CEIP Condition #10
- III. CEIP Condition #2
- IV. Named Communities Investment Fund  
Prioritization Tool
- V. Your Support Team and Next Meeting

**Facilitator**

Amber Lenhart  
  
 Tamara Bradley  
 Annette Brandon  
 Amber Lenhart  
  
 Amber Lenhart

**Meeting Notes**

**Welcome & Introductions**

Introductions and Meeting Rules and Intent and review of today’s agenda.

**Condition 10**

Briefly discussed the 38 conditions of the CEIP.

Condition 10, select one specific action that will support a specific named community and be tracked at the granularity of that specific named community. We discussed 8 projects last month and discussed with Avista’s Energy Assistance Advisory Group. We looked at the scope of the project, how large, what is the impact to the customers, how long will it take to stand up and what is the cost. The projects selected at this time are the backup battery for those customers with lifesaving medical equipment within their home. We also

are looking at providing cooling systems for those homes without a cooling system located in a specific named community which is still to be determined.

How are these projects landing with the EAG? Several thumbs up provided from EAG members.

**Member:** Can the batteries be used beyond heat dome?

**Company:** Yes, it can be used at any time.

**Member:** I really support this, this will help with those with motorized scooters etc., as well.

## CEIP Condition 2

Resources are our wind farms, or hydro dams, or the way we are serving the load. There are supply side resources or demand side resources, so resources are the supply and demand are reducing the usage. In the 20-year plan, integrated resource plan, we included our clean energy action plan which is a 10-year action plan on how we will meet clean energy goals and the CEIP is the 4-year action plan. We started with the clean energy action plan which was filed in April 2021, and we also implemented our public participation plan where we identified and developed customer benefit indicators. We need to ensure that the CBIs are part of our resource selection and then we will make sure they are incorporated in our request for proposal process.

We developed 14 CBIs that will provide the utility with accountability to our clean energy goals and ensure that we do not promote any systemic inequities along the way.

Energy impacts are the power being delivered to your home, or programs like energy efficiency, or demand response. A Non-energy impacts would be Avista quantified through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, directly or indirectly tied to various CBIs, improved air quality, health, property value etc., How can we link CBIs with resource selection, which ones are energy impacts and which ones are non-energy impacts. How are we going to take those items and quantify them within a plan? We will ask how granular the data is, how far in the future can we predict the data, is the data available or do we need to purchase the data and how often is the data updated, we want it to be current. And what do we do with those that cannot be measured.

Through the request for proposal process, we are working on those equity issues to ensure we are selecting companies that are also promoting equity at a fair cost to customers.

CBIs and Resource Selection: the items outlined in red, we can use within the resource selection process and those in black cannot be quantified within the resource selection process at this time. Those items not being used are equally important, but they do not pertain to resource selection itself. Red are the ones we are including, black we are paying attention to during implementation not during resource planning, and the orange is something that we are not sure on how to use in a forward-looking process as we have not selected projects that will be supported by the named community's investment fund, we will know how to use those once projects are selected.

We can identify many projects that certain to the current CBIs and we can measure them and include in the forecasting such as Total MWh of DER with 5MW and under where CAIDI, the number of customer outages, we cannot forecast and include in a resource selection. We are including an equity lens within our resource selection.

Some items we cannot include as they are too granular for a 20-year look, we take the amount of energy savings for certain programs and that is included in the forecast, but not the number of customers as it is too granular, and we cannot forecast that for 20 years, but we do measure and track that. As you think about these items over the next few weeks, I would love your feedback and thoughts around if there is a way, we can incorporate some of these items within a 20 year look that we are not thinking about. So please reach out.

**Facilitator:** Can you explain a little more what resource planning means?

**Company:** Resources are our wind farms, or hydro dams, or the way we are serving the load. There are supply side resources or demand side resources, so resources are the supply and demand are reducing the usage.

**Member:** Why are there three colors on the slide again?

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### [Named Communities Investment Fund Prioritization Tool](#)

Projects that come from the EAG members with funding up to \$500,000 annually and must be energy efficiency related projects, or health or safety related projects that allow energy efficiency projects to take place. This tool will help the EAG members identify and prioritize projects.

**Results Based Accountability (RBA):** documented by Mark Friedman,

**Key Principles:** we work with the end and work backwards towards the means. What is the goal and what steps will we take to reach that goal?

Data driven, transparent decision making

Keeps it simple

#### **Two types of accountabilities**

Performance accountability – how well we are performing based

Population accountability – big scale outcomes

#### **Five questions to get us from ends to means**

1.How are we doing?

2.What is the story behind the curve? Asking why.

3.Who has a role to play? Who are the stakeholders or partners?

4.What works?

Evidence based, low cost/no cost, out of the box ideas, research/information.

5.What is our action plan?

**Prioritize:** Leverage, feasibility, Specificity, Values

Three types of performance measures/defining success

Reviewed an actual product/program in Duwamish Valley

**Company:** If the EAG supports this process moving forward, do we start by having a brain storming session of projects and then we start to narrow that and walk through the process?

**Facilitator:** We could start with Question 4; how do we turn the curve? And move our way through the projects. Also ensure we have the right people at the table. We can offer times outside of the meetings for brainstorming and within the sessions. We can bring the results back together so all members of the EAG meetings can see the results.

**Member:** I think the process makes sense, will be looking more into the RBA but seems usable.

**Member:** I think the process looks great but seems like it could be a great way for people to get together in person, if possible.

**Member:** The process makes sense to me

**Member:** The process makes sense

**Member:** I like the idea of meeting in person

**Member:** Sounds good to me x3

### Wrap Up

Would members prefer to take the month of December off from EAG meetings to refresh? All members stated they are okay with meeting in December.

Reminder of upcoming meetings on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Thank you, Renee Coelho, for everything you have done with the EAG, enjoy your retirement!