



Equity Advisory Group – Equity Lens Session

Meetings Dates: October 22 & 24, 2025

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

<i>Facilitator</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>EAG Member</i>	<i>Member Organizations</i>
Amber Lenhart	<input type="checkbox"/>		Clyde Abrahamson	Spokane Indian Housing Authority
Avista Team Members	<input type="checkbox"/>		Brook Beeler	Department of Ecology Eastern Region
Ana Matthews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/24/25	Karen Boone	Red Cross
Kristine Meyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/22/25	Margee Chambers	Spokane Clean Air
Ariana Barrey	<input type="checkbox"/>		Sandra Childers	Rural Resources - Colville
Kelley Dengel	<input type="checkbox"/>		Tami Dillion	Providence
Amanda Ghering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/24/25	Andrew Gardner	Spokane Public Schools
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Carmen Groom	SNAP
10/24/25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/24/25	KJ January	Spectrum
Tamara Bradley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/22/25	Cindy Kimmet	Takesa Village
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/22/25	Jean Kindem	Aging & Long-Term Care of Eastern Washington
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/24/25	Connie Kliewer	NEWESD101
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/24/25	Sue Lani Madsen	Washington Rural Environmental Network (WREN)
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Olly Murphy	Spokane Regional Health District
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/24/25	Vanessa Strange	Spokane Public Library
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Lynn Suksdorf, Phd	Rural Community Member
	<input type="checkbox"/>		William von Bracht	Othello, school English as 2 nd language
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Latrice Williams	Community Member/ WA state board of Equity
			Guests	
		10/22/25	Sofya Atitsogbe, WUTC	

October 2025 EAG Equity Lens Session Meeting Notes

I. Welcome & Introductions

The facilitator lead introductions, a review of the Shared Expectations, member connect and share along with the meeting intent.

II. Partner Share/ Connections

- Spokane Library 33 Artists Market at the Hive 10-4, Saturday, 10/25/25 and more events at the libraries: [Events - Spokane Public Library](#)

III. Review Previous Meeting Comments

Kelly Dengel provided an overview of responses to questions posed in the Chat during the August Clean Energy Implementation Plan

10/24/25 Member comments in the Chat: Developers only develop if they have a customer, and Avista has power to set the parameters.

By the time it is developed, Avista can put parameters in the RFP but is not dictating how the project is being developed.

Member – answer referring to the end of the process, would Avista consider a more proactive approach.

Some projects already exist; some are starting from scratch; RFP bidders are made aware of review criteria for evaluation. Avista staff will have to ask the RFP team how stringently we would ask developers to consider local permitting.

Member - locals have no power in negotiations; developers have all the strength within minimum ability for locals to weigh in on project. Avista should consider a higher rating for local community interest and permitting.

Avista staff offered to reiterate that we are not developers but do have control over the projects we select. Criteria are how connected they are to the community, such as discussions around local support. Making the best decision with the information provided.

Member - Ask developers, and they will say “yes”, but you should ask the community. Avista will consider renewable projects permitted through county permits with emphasis on local input.

IV. Named Communities Investment Fund Update

Presented by NCIF managers - Kristine Meyer and Ana Matthews and Senior Communications Manager – Ariana Barrey.

10/24/25 a member asked how to affect algorithms so they can see the videos on social media. One way would be to follow Avista which has a page on most platforms.

V. Questions and Discussion

10/14/25: Member comment of appreciation for the update on the incredible work

VI. Your Support Team and Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 19 and Friday November 21.
- Please sign up for our quarterly newsletter if you have not already and we hope to see you all next month.
- Provide any additional comments or feedback to us at ceta@avistacorp.com. Comments may be anonymous.

The following links were shared in the 10/24/25 meeting Chat

- Scale House
- [The Scale House Market](#)

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