


COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

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| Meeting Date: | July 22, 2025 | |
| Subject: | Setting Public Hearing for receiving input on the 2026-2029 Clean Energy Implementation Plan | |
| Authored by: | Blake Scherer | Staff Preparing Item |
| Presenter: | Blake Scherer | Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A) |
| Approved by: | Chris Johnson | Dept. Director/Manager |
| Approved for Commission: | Rick Dunn  | General Manager/Asst GM |

| Type of Agenda Item: | Type of Action Needed: <i>(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)</i> | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass Motion | <input type="checkbox"/> Decision / Direction |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Agenda | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Info Only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract/Change Order | <input type="checkbox"/> Info Only/Possible Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Letter / Document | <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Included |

Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion setting a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving input on the 2026-2029 Clean Energy Implementation Plan on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., to be held at the District's Administration Office located at 2721 West 10th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, as well as via conference call at 1-323-553-2644, conference ID 700 722 151#, and directing the General Manager to publish the notice of the public hearing date, time and location.

Background/Summary

Washington's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) was enacted in 2019—Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 19.405—and established the following clean energy standards:

- ✓ **No coal** resources by the end of 2025
- ✓ **Greenhouse gas neutral** by 2030
- ✓ **100% clean** electricity by 2045

CETA requires consumer owned utilities to develop and submit to the Department of Commerce a four-year Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) identifying:

1. **specific actions** to demonstrate progress toward meeting the clean energy standards
2. **interim target** for the percentage of retail load served using clean energy resources
3. **specific targets** for energy efficiency, demand response, and renewable energy
4. **specific actions to support an equitable transition**

Today's motion is to set the date and time for the first of three public hearings the District has planned to allow for customers and interested stakeholders to provide input to the 2026-2029 CEIP. All meetings will include a virtual and phone option in addition to in-person attendance. The proposed public hearing schedule is shown below:

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| 1. 9 a.m. Aug 26, 2025, Public Hearing #1 – CEIP Introduction | <i>**Today's motion**</i> |
| 2. 9 a.m. Sep 23, 2025, Public Hearing #2 – CEIP Draft review | <i>**Proposed**</i> |
| 3. 9 a.m. Oct 28, 2025, Public Hearing #3 – CEIP Final approval | <i>**Proposed**</i> |

The 2026-2029 CEIP must be submitted to the Department of Commerce by January 1, 2026.

The District's previous CEIP for 2022-2025 was approved by Resolution No. 2585 on November 9, 2021.

Refer to the District's CEIP website for the latest information on the development of the 2026-2029 CEIP.¹

Recommendation

Recommend setting a public hearing to provide an opportunity for customers and interested stakeholders to provide input to the District during the development of, and prior to the adoption of, the 2026-2029 CEIP.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

¹ Benton PUD's CEIP website: <https://www.bentonpud.org/ceip>