



City of Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Renewable Fuel Standard Technical Advisory Committee (RFS TAC)

Thursday, Sept 26, 2024

Minutes

TAC Members Present: Mark Bunch – Chair, Andrew Dyke – Vice-Chair, Matthew Jubitz, Antonio Machado, Marc Ventura, Paul (Ender) Reed, Chris Efird

Facilitators: Pam Neild and Marti Frank

Staff liaison: Pam Neild

Registrants:

Damian Barron, Bayan Raji, Kyle Diesner, Joseph Gardner, Marti Heining, Marilyn Herman, Robert Hill, Kathryn Hillis, Andria Jacob, Erin McNally, Melissa Mejia, Jesse Nowicki, Adam Nunley, Molly O Connell, Richard Shih, Angie Smith, Joseph Sorena, Nicole Tapia, David Vanthof, Cory-Ann Wind.

Minutes: Pam Neild

Call to Order and Introduction

Chair, Mark Bunch, called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. He welcomed TAC members, members of the public and new RFS TAC member, Antonio Machado to the meeting.

The Conflict of Interest statement was read and roll call was held. The meeting has quorum.

Members voted to approve meeting minutes from the June 2024 meeting.

Voting results: 6 – yeas, 0 – nays, 0 – abstentions

Pam introduced an updated agenda. Members voted to approve the updated agenda.

Voting results: 6 – yeas, 0 – nays, 0 – abstentions

Updated Meeting Agenda

Time	Agenda item
9:30 a.m.	Call to order Welcome, roll call, quorum, welcome new TAC member
9:35 a.m.	Prior Business Approve previous meeting minutes, agenda changes
9:40 a.m.	Public comment
9:40 5 am	Process review and discussion Review 2024 schedule Review proposed 2025 schedule Review sample report template
10:40	Voting Vote on 2025 meeting schedule and process for data collection
10:50 a.m.	Public comment
10:55 a.m.	Next Steps
11:00 a.m.	Adjourn

Process Review and Discussion

Pam reviewed the 2024 meeting schedule, a proposed 2025 meeting schedule, a proposed process for 2025 and sample report template. The following discussion ensued.

Fuel Forecast Tools:

- The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is finalizing a fuel forecast for Oregon, with a similar forecast being developed for Washington's Clean Fuels Program. The DAS forecast has a section on CI value.

- These forecasts could serve as valuable tools for assessing the feasibility of renewable fuel programs in the Pacific Northwest.

Application of Forecasts:

- The forecasts are relevant for data collection and analysis in the final report.
- They provide insights into the expected renewable fuel availability in the region but do not address Portland specifically.

Engagement with State Experts:

- A suggestion was made to invite representatives from the State to the April meeting, possibly from the Office of Economic Analysis or the Clean Fuels Program, to discuss the forecast and answer direct questions from industry experts. This will be added to the January meeting discussion.
- OR DEQ may adopt CARB's changes to measuring CI value. The result could be that a fuel that was once rated with CI of 39 will now have a CI of 42.

Next Steps:

- Further consideration will be given to which state agency or individual would be best suited to present this data.
- There is agreement to revisit the topic in future discussions.
- Is there an expert that can come discuss changes to CI modeling and how that is affecting the State of Oregon?
- A request was made for Stillwater Associates be invited to speak about the revenue stack.
- A section of the final recommendation report may need a section on regulatory actions/regulatory risk, for example, will Oregon move to match California's CI reductions? If they don't, what will the market impact be? Additionally, If the Oregon Climate Protection Plan starts back up there will be interaction between it and the California Clean Fuel program.

Voting

Pam introduced the following questions. Members edited and proceeded to vote affirmative on all of the following:

1. Should the RFS TAC proceed with the 2025 work schedule as proposed?



Voting results: 6 – yeas, 0 – nays, 0 – abstentions

2. Should the RFS TAC host presentations and discussion with industry experts covering price, retail experience, biofuel availability, revenue stack and State of Oregon (DAS and/or CFP).

Voting results: 6 – yeas, 0 – nays, 0 – abstentions

3. Should the RFS TAC use an anonymous questionnaire of TAC members?

Voting results: 6 – yeas, 0 – nays, 0 – abstentions

4. Should the RFS TAC use a consultant led survey and interviews as determined by TAC members by January 2025?

Voting results: 6 – yeas, 0 – nays, 0 – abstentions

5. Should the RFS TAC support data collection and analysis by staff?

Voting results: 6 – yeas, 0 – nays, 0 – abstentions

Public Comment

There was no public comment provided.

Next Steps

Pam will circulate meeting days and times for the 2025 calendar period. The next meeting will take place in January 2025 where the questionnaires, RFS program data and regulatory climate will be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM PST.

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