



DEPARTMENT OF
ECOLOGY
State of Washington

CCA Funds Reporting Rulemaking

Public Hearing I

June 5, 2024 and June 13, 2024

Welcome

- Jack Millard – Public Hearing Officer
- Harrison Ashby – Environmental Planner, Rule Lead
- Joshua Grice – Policy and Planning Section Supervisor
- Cristina Steward – Climate Pollution Reduction Program Budget Manager
- Tai Ralston – Climate Accounts Administrator
- Nikki Harris – Environmental Planner, technical support

Agenda

- 1 Public Meeting – Presentation on the Proposed Rule – 12 minutes
- 2 Public Meeting – Questions – 15 minutes
NO FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 3 Public Hearing – Formal Public Comments

Ground Rules for Q&A

- Use the “raise hand” feature when you have a question.
- Lower your hand after you have spoken.
- If you are participating by phone, press *9 to indicate you have a question.

Public Meeting Agenda

- 1 Rulemaking Process
- 2 Rule Content
- 3 Questions

Rulemaking Process

*Rule
development*

- **May 2023- April 2024**

*Proposal
Phase*

- Rule Proposal: **April 23, 2024**
- Formal comment period **through June 28, 2024**
- Public Hearings **June 2024**

Adoption

- **October 2024**

Annual Report and Rulemaking

- The Climate Commitment Act (CCA) requires Ecology to report to the legislature annually on spending from CCA accounts.
- The 2023 Operating Budget clarified that, starting in 2024, the report must include information related to spending on projects that:
 - benefit vulnerable populations in overburdened communities.
 - are formally supported by Tribal resolution.
- The CCA also requires Ecology to do a rulemaking to set reporting requirements for recipients of auction revenue.



Rule Content

- 173-446B-010 Introduction
- 173-446B-020 Definitions
- 173-446B-030 Reporting Manner and Date
- 173-446B-040 GHG Reporting- Covered Project Types
- 173-446B-050 Reporting Requirements
- 173-446B-060 GHG Reporting- Methods

Recipient vs. Sub-recipient

(8) “Recipient” means the state agency or other entity that received an appropriation of funding from one of the Climate Commitment Act accounts, irrespective of whether the state agency or other entity subsequently provides any of the funding to another entity.

(9) “Sub-recipient” means an entity that received pass-through funding from a recipient. Sub-recipients are not directly subject to the requirements of this rule, but recipients may include reporting requirements in their contracts with sub-recipients to assist the recipients in complying with reporting obligations.

Rulemaking Content- Reporting Structure

Levels of Reporting

- Appropriation
- Funding agreement (pass-through)

Areas of Reporting

- Budgetary
- Environmental justice (overburdened communities and Tribal resolutions)
- Greenhouse gas emissions reductions

Reporting on Emissions Reductions

Expenditure categories exempt from emissions reporting:

- i. Building awareness in or educating a community
- ii. Clean energy workforce development
- iii. Conducting administrative appeals
- iv. Conducting outreach in communities
- v. Conducting research
- vi. Creating plans for future activities
- vii. Enhancing a recipient's or other entity's capacity to fulfill its mission
- viii. Enhancing or maintaining emergency response systems or procedures
- ix. Hiring of agency staff
- x. Providing technical assistance
- xi. Training new employees, sharing knowledge among staff, or building employees' skills

Methods for Calculating Emissions Reductions

(1) For each category of expenditure that is expected to produce verifiable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions or other long-term impact(s) to emissions, Ecology will, in consultation with the recipient, either:

- a. Identify the appropriate California Air Resources Board methodology and calculator tool for use in calculating emissions reductions, and adapt the inputs used in the methodology and calculator tool as needed to be appropriate for use in Washington;
- b. Adapt a CARB methodology and calculator tool to make it appropriate;
- c. Develop its own methodology; or
- d. Locate a methodology from another source that is of the same or better quality than methods provided by the California Air Resources Board.

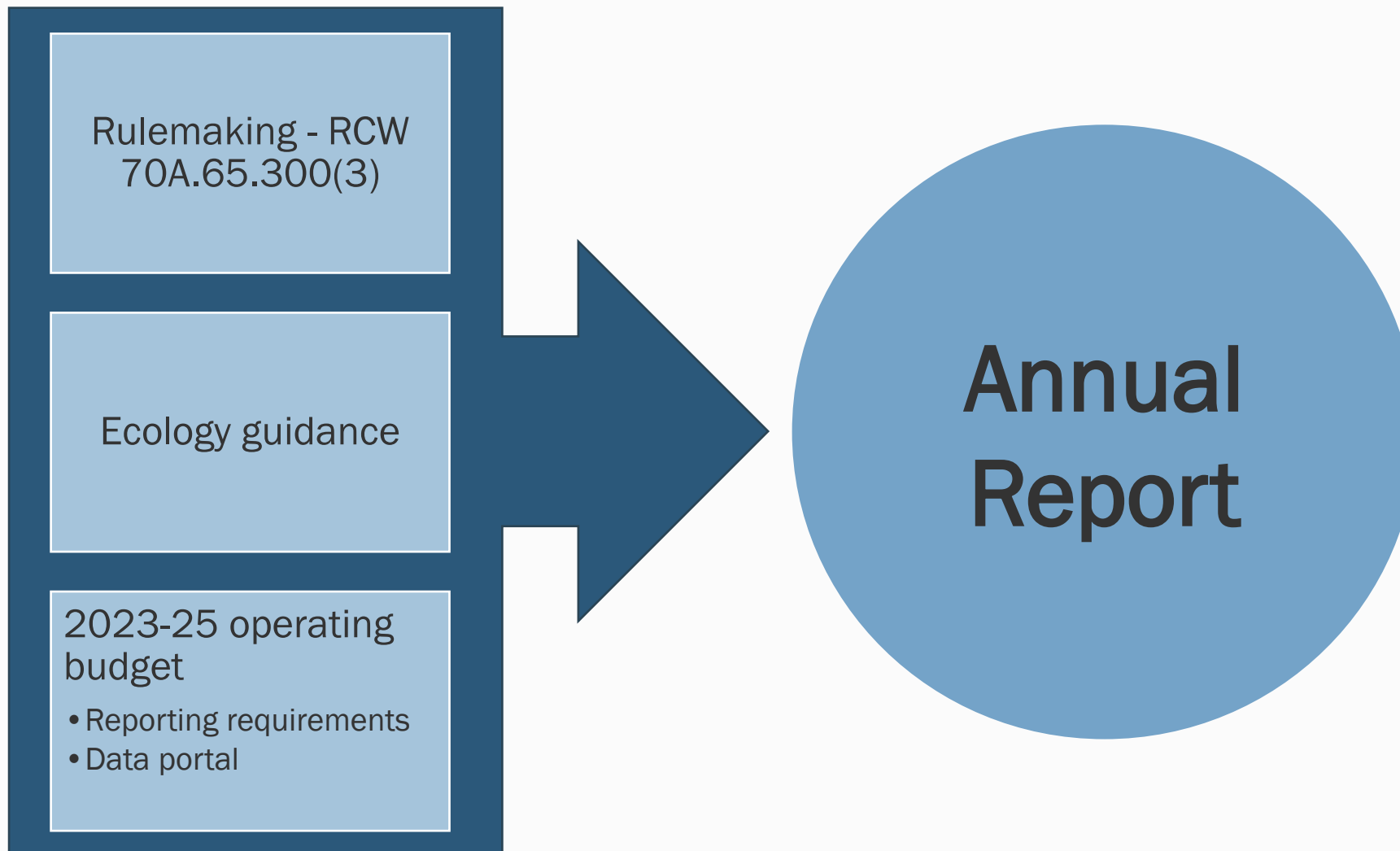
Environmental Justice

The rule:

- requires recipients to report on:
 - projects that provide direct and meaningful benefits to vulnerable populations in overburdened communities; and
 - projects that are formally supported by Tribal resolution.
- provides protections for some Tribal data.
- sets requirements for reporting on job quality and quantity for projects funded by the Climate Investment Account.

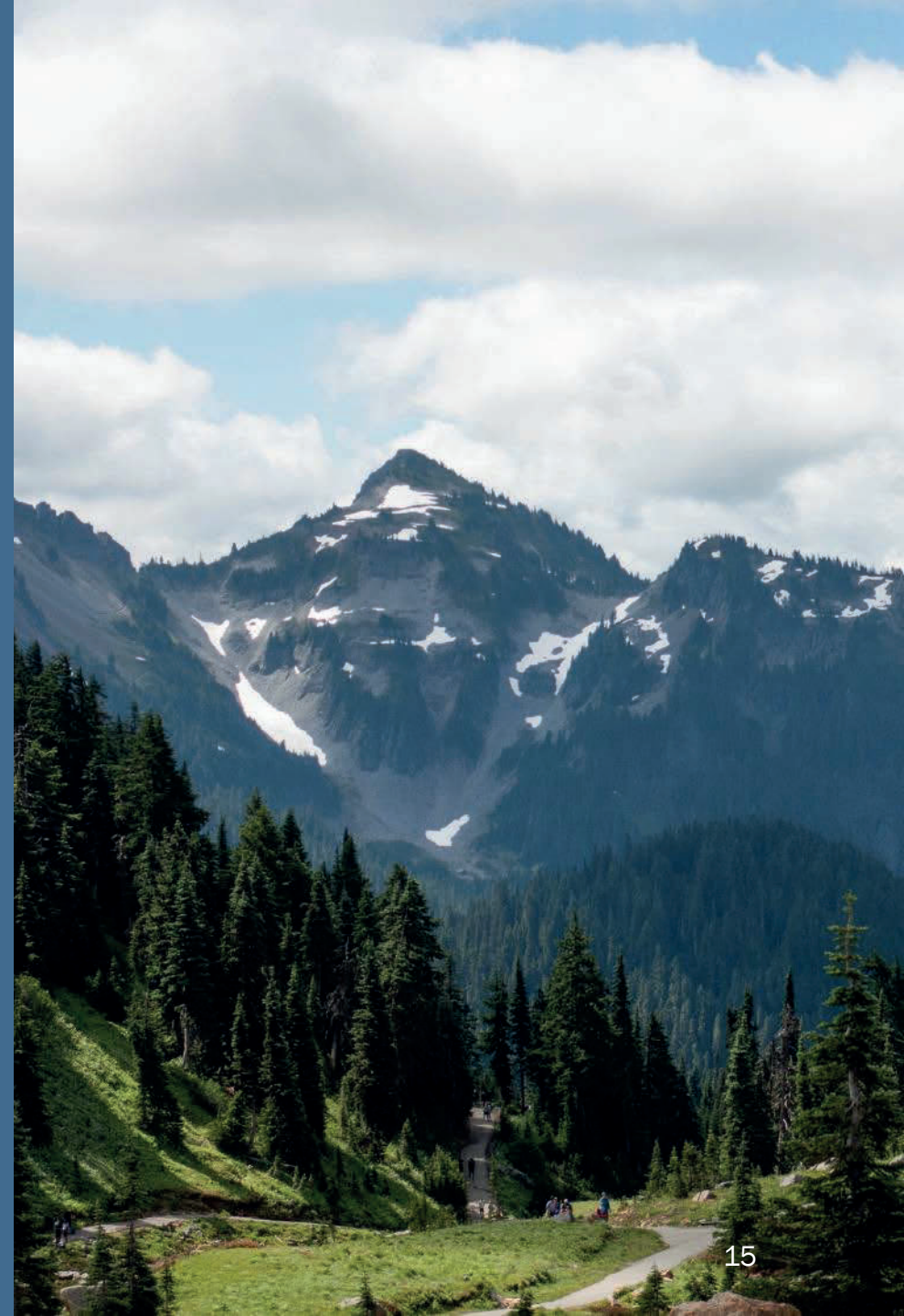


Related Processes for Reporting on CCA Funds





Q&A





Questions?

If you have additional questions,
please send them to:

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Ground Rules for Oral Testimony

- Use the “raise hand” feature when you wish to provide testimony.
- Lower your hand after you have spoken.
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- Limit your testimony to 3 minutes.

Send written comments

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