

**Whatcom County  
Council Climate Action and Natural Resources Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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**Committee Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023  
11 AM  
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 11:20 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON AT  
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**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Kaylee Galloway

**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## Call To Order

Committee Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

**Absent:** None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan and Carol Frazey

## Announcements

## Committee Discussion

1. [AB2023-004](#) Update from the Forestry Advisory Committee

The following people updated the Councilmembers:

- John Gold, Forestry Advisory Committee Chair
- Susan David, Forestry Advisory Committee Vice Chair

Councilmembers and the speakers discussed whether the Council had received any feedback from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the letter sent by Council regarding Phase II of the Carbon Project, getting the advisory committee's advice on Senate Bill 5688 - 2023-24 and House Bill 1789 - 2023-24, how the Brokedown Palace timber sale would come to the Council, and maybe facilitating a meeting with the DNR as well as a representative from the Forest Advisory Committee and the Climate Impact Advisory Committee to educate on and build awareness of the timber sales.

Councilmembers discussed what the frequency of these advisory committee updates should be and concurred that quarterly or as-needed updates would be good.

**This agenda item was PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED.**

## Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

## Other Business

Galloway announced that the County hired its new Climate Action Manager (Lauren Clemens) and stated hopefully she can come to a future Climate

Action and Natural Resources Committee meeting to introduce herself and give an overview of her plans for implementation of our Climate Action Plan and other climate-related efforts.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

**Kaylee Galloway-via email 2/22/2023**

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Kaylee Galloway, Committee Chair

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