

## Hood River County Invites Community Members to Weigh in on Energy Plan

*Through a series of town hall meetings, Hood River County invites the public to learn about and provide valuable insights into a countywide Energy Plan that charts a course for the future*

**Hood River, Oregon** – Hood River County and six partner organizations involved in the development of the **Hood River Energy Plan** invite the public to attend a series of town hall meetings scheduled for this fall in Hood River, Odell and Cascade Locks.

The Hood River Energy Plan, which is under development and will be presented to local governing bodies later in 2017, creates a blueprint to help the community increase investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, achieve energy generation control, stability and price security, and provide key services in the event of emergency. If adopted, it could help the region save on energy costs, become more resilient to rising prices and natural disasters, and create significant environmental and public health benefits.

“Energy use is our community's biggest cost and biggest impact on the environment,” says Becky Brun, Hood River City Councilor and co-chair of the Hood River County Energy Plan Steering Committee. “Hood River, along with hundreds of communities across the U.S. recognize that strategic energy planning is critical for our future. It helps ensure reliable power, economic benefits and a healthier environment now and for future residents.”

Before the Hood River Energy Plan is considered for adoption by local governing boards, the public will have three opportunities to learn more about the plan’s goals and strategies, ask questions, and contribute ideas:

- Hood River, Fire Station Wednesday, September 27th, 7:00-8:00pm
  - 1785 Meyer Pkwy, Hood River, OR 97031
- Mid Valley Elementary, Cafeteria Wednesday October 11th , 7:00- 8:00pm
  - 3686 Davis Dr, Hood River, OR 97031
- Cascade Locks Elementary, Meeting Room Wednesday, October 25th, 7:00-8:00pm
  - 300 SW Wanapa St, Cascade Locks, OR 97014

For more information, contact Marla Harvey at [marla.harvey@co.hood-river.or.us](mailto:marla.harvey@co.hood-river.or.us), or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ydxb95ub>.

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**\*Note: The Cascade Locks Town Hall is subject to change based on conditions as the date gets closer. Keep up to date on the Event page and Hood River County website’s Energy Plan page.\***