

ECOSYSTEM ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) discussed Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning and had the following comments.

Webinar prior to June meeting to weigh in on EAS composition

It is the EAS' understanding that the Council intends to revisit the composition of its advisory bodies in June. Based on that understanding and a pending change in EAS membership, the EAS would like to request a webinar prior to the June Council meeting to develop and discuss recommendations for this topic. Specifically, the EAS is considering a proposal to restructure the state-specific seats (currently three each from Washington, Oregon, and California) and converting a portion of those (e.g., one from each state) to at-large positions that are not affiliated with a specific state. While the EAS membership has changed over time, a few long-standing members remain and one of them will be moving from Oregon to California. This approach would be a budget-neutral change while providing the opportunity for continuity of long-standing contributing members.

In-person meeting for September 2024

The EAS requests an in-person meeting for September 2024, as described in the Staff White Paper for Council Advisory Body Reports ([Agenda Item F.2 Attachment 1, March 2022](#)). The EAS favors the in-person meeting format for both of its annual meetings as the ecosystem topics are complex and our discussions benefit from having a face-to-face exchange. We note that this meeting provided the opportunity for a very productive joint in-person discussion among the EAS, Ecosystem Workgroup and members of the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment program. The EAS notes that there are at least two and maybe three EAS members who will not be able to attend the meeting in September due to schedule conflicts; however, those who are able to attend would like to be in-person for the reasons stated above.

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