

## PRESS RELEASE

### Update: Solar Energy & Resiliency Open House & Top Projects to be Selected for Civic Campus

On November 16, over 32 people gathered at the Commons for an Open House and presentation to consider alternative projects and locations for how renewable energy and other power improvements at the Civic Campus can help the City of Yachats respond to hazard events and enhance day-to-day use.

The Open House included four main information stations plus a final survey drop off station including:

- 1) Citywide resiliency & civic campus role for emergency response plus including vision, goals and decision-making criteria
- 2) Hazards and mapping information
- 3) Facilities assessment from engineers evaluation of campus buildings and renewable energy and efficiency opportunities that can advance resilience and
- 4) Design concepts, strategies, approaches and alternate locations for solar panels, interconnection of buildings, and opportunities that could be leveraged amenity benefits

Attendees shared questions during the Q & A then visited the Open House stations to give input on where and how the civic campus connects to places across the City to improve resiliency for the larger community.

Key take-aways from the group discussion:

- Support for the Civic Campus as a sustainability and resiliency demonstration hub.
- Interest in whether the Library project might be considered as a possible project
- Ideas for resiliency and emergency planning were raised about how to support South of Bridge residents
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant generators can be a significant source of emergency power in an emergency so planning for fuel storage supplies will be important and some expressed interest in locating this at the Fire Station.
- Priority to ensure the community is well trained on emergency response protocols was raised as an important concern and the idea of leveraging past Yachats Emergency Preparedness Festivals for an annual planning and education event received great support.

Big takeaways from the special topic stations included:

- There was strong interest in the co-benefits of a solar canopy on the Campus behind the Commons close to 4th Street for the opportunities it could bring for additional amenities, festivals, longer farmer's market usage, and community recreation.
- Interest in a solar canopy over the parking in La De Da Lane as an additional project
- Continued interest in wind power. Regarding diesel, some had concerns about usage and storage.
- Interest in a solar kiosk near 4th street and the commons to house bathrooms, water-bottle filling, satellite tourism station for information, and other community uses.

Join us at our third and last public workshop for the project at an **online Open House** via Zoom on **Thursday, December 14th from 6:00-8:00 pm**. A Preliminary Draft Resiliency Plan will be shared as well as final project alternatives presented for selection that will be submitted for an Oregon Department of Energy \$1,000,000 construction grant. Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82816410769> | Meeting ID: 828 1641 0769. If you are not able to meet by zoom, community members can come to the Commons Multi-purpose room where the zoom meeting will also be live streamed for those that have challenges with online attendance. View the Open House slides and learn more about the project on the City's website [www.yachatsoregon.org/ODOEenergygrant](http://www.yachatsoregon.org/ODOEenergygrant). RSVP for the Open House by email [grants@yachatsmail.org](mailto:grants@yachatsmail.org).



**Draft Resiliency Plan & Selection of  
a Priority Renewable Energy Project**  
**ONLINE OPEN HOUSE**  
**December 14, 2023 | 6-8 PM**

Zoom\*: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82816410769> | Meeting ID: 828 1641 0769

**Join us to give input on a draft “Civic Campus Resiliency Plan”  
and help pick the top priority project for an upcoming Oregon  
Department of Energy \$1,000,000 construction grant.**

This Yachats Civic Campus renewable energy and resiliency project is intended to help with hazard and emergency response plus has potential to support community activities and amenities.

**RSVP & share your needs & priorities in the survey now! Survey Deadline 12/10/23**

**RSVP & SURVEY: [bit.ly/CivicCampusSurvey-RSVP](https://bit.ly/CivicCampusSurvey-RSVP)**

**View project info, presentations & more: [www.yachatsoregon.org/ODOEnergygrant](http://www.yachatsoregon.org/ODOEnergygrant)**

***\*Meeting Accommodation In Person Option:***

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