

Yachats Resiliency Planning | Summary of Open House 2

Selection of Priority Projects

On December 14, 2023, the City of Yachats hosted a two-hour Open House online with attendees on Zoom and in-person at the Civic Campus to accommodate those that had difficulty with remote attendance. The meeting was widely promoted via City alerts, posters, social media, and on the City’s project webpage. During the Open House the consulting team gave a brief overview of the ODOE grant project, scope and process, and an update on goals, priorities, and other comments heard to date from the Advisory Group, the Public Workshop and In-Person Open House, and preliminary counts and themes from the online Vision & Priorities Survey.

The project team presented takeaways on their technical research, decision-making criteria, and project concepts. Detailed summary of benefits and tradeoffs were shared for each project concept including cost, maintenance, resiliency, and power generation, and social, economic and cultural benefits. Analysis of key criteria of where the Civic Campus has gaps in resiliency that could be addressed, best opportunities for refuge, and least cost for establishing foundational resiliency infrastructure were key factors in identifying the top project candidates:

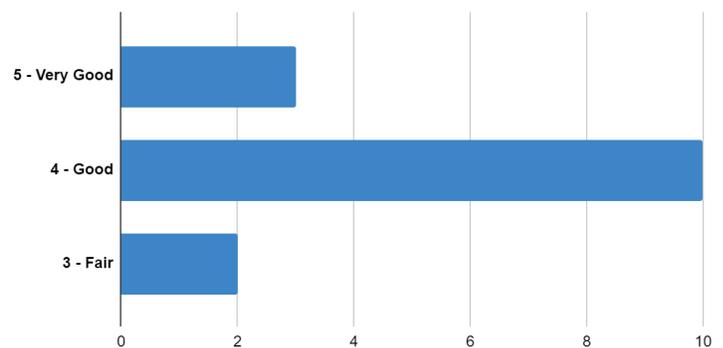
- City Hall and Commons Rooftop Solar (Proposed Project 1)
- “Barn” Solar Canopy - stand-alone pavillion behind Commons (Proposed Project 2 Option)
- Parking Solar Canopy - between City Hall & Commons (Proposed Project 2 Option)

During the event, attendees were given time to discuss and ask questions about the project alternatives, and an online poll was hosted for zoom participants, with paper options for in-person attendees. The poll asked participants to evaluate five questions. The summary of poll responses below reflects the priorities of the Open House participants. Key takeaways were as follows:

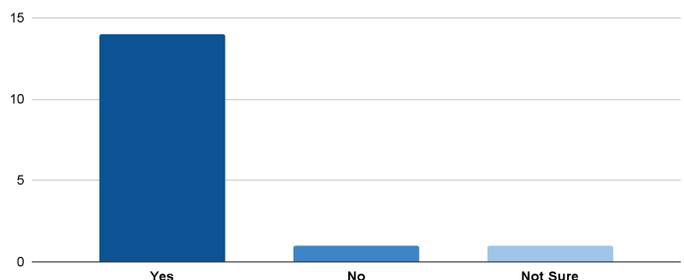
1. Reflections on the online survey results:

The online survey summary generally reflected community priorities and goals (see chart at right), however during the discussion some noted that they would like to see more priority for emergency caches, conservation and improvement of natural areas on campus including more plantings and wind buffers, more attention on Tsunami response and food supply issues as well as attention in future plans for emergency planning to support South of Bridge residents.

How well do you see your goals reflected in the [online] survey results shared? (0=not at all, 5= Very Good)



Based on the engineering, resiliency, and budget constraints, would you agree that Option 1b (i.e. “Rooftop solar on Commons & City Hall”) is the priority project to recommend for a first project in the next 2024 ODOE Construction Grant?



SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDED PROJECT

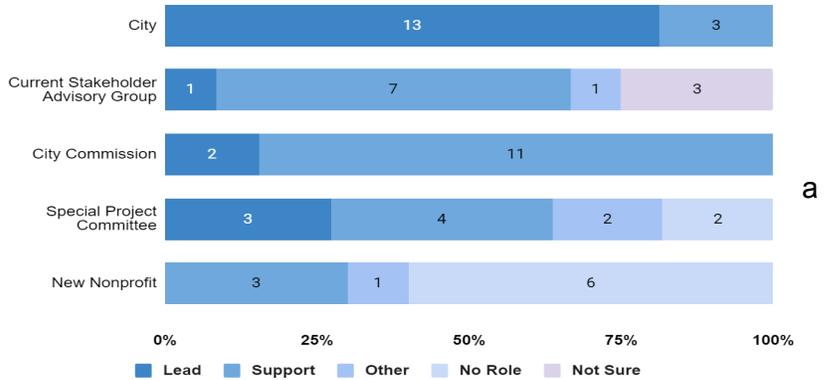
2. Confirmation of Priority Project:

Participants overwhelmingly agreed that “Rooftop solar on Commons & City Hall” was the priority project to recommend - based on the engineering, resiliency, and budget constraints - for a first project in the next 2024 ODOE Construction Grant. Only 1 respondent disagreed, and 1 noted they were unsure.

3. Implementation & Stewardship:

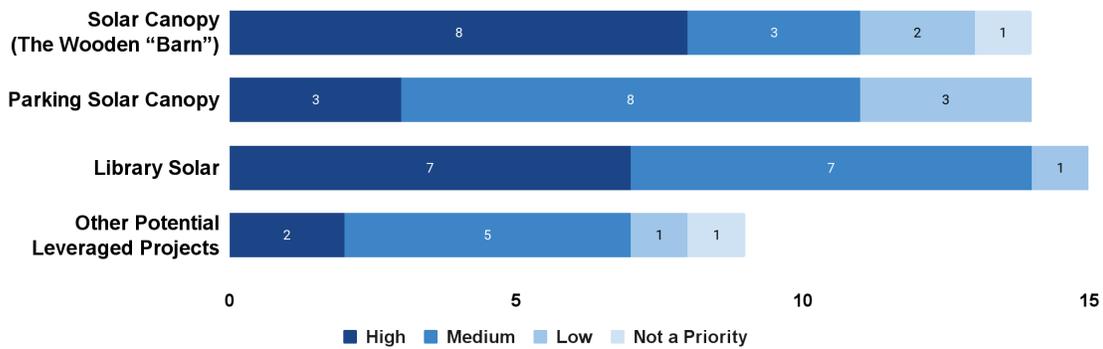
When asked about who should help steward the multi-year renewable energy project implementation, the responses clearly identified a “Lead” role for the City, with a supporting role for City Commission and/or Advisory Group.

Who should take on stewardship for this multi-year project?



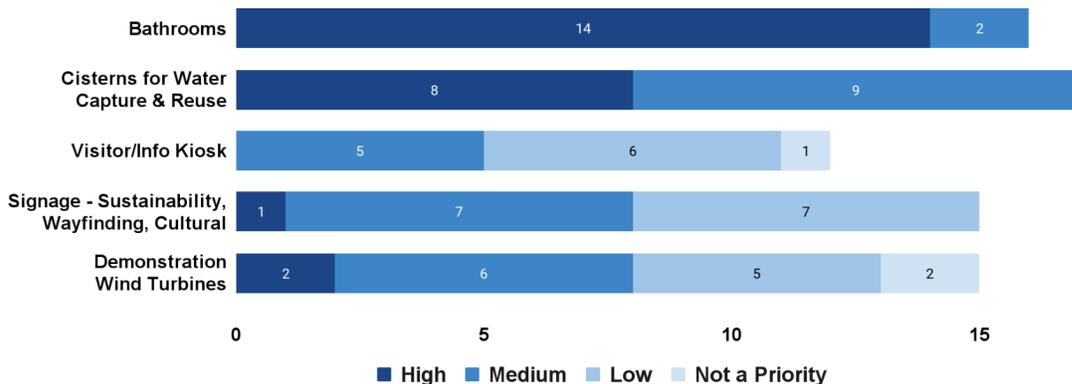
4. Subsequent renewable energy project priorities: When asked which other priority project options might be of interest for additional study, participants ranked the wooden “Barn” solar canopy highest, followed by the Library which ranked strongly both as a high and medium priority project overall. A parking canopy between the City Hall and Commons ranked highest as a medium priority. Other potential leveraged projects were medium priorities compared with larger solar installations among the choices evaluated.

If yes, looking ahead to Phase 2 Project funding and projects - which are priorities for additional study?



5. Other resiliency project priorities that might be considered for future funding were consistent with the online survey results and the Parks & Commons survey as a very high priority specifically for a public bathroom. Cisterns for water capture and reuse ranked highly in the online survey and the poll when considering both high and medium priorities together. Other amenities such as a visitor/info kiosk, public signage and wind turbines were medium priorities.

If there were add-ons that could be funded in a future grant, which are biggest priorities?



The meeting concluded with next steps that Open House slides and survey results would be posted online for later viewing, that community recommendations would be presented to City Council, and that a draft Resilient Civic Campus plan would be available in January for community input.