

Battery Energy Storage Systems

Board of County Commissioners
April 27, 2026
BESS Moratorium Extension



BESS Moratorium Workplan

Workplan Goal

- Identify and Understand Issues
- Identify Appropriate Solutions
- Update County Code
- Planning Commission Recommendations
- Extension Decision by June 2026



Preliminary Issues

- Fire Safety, Emergency Response
- Environmental, Noise Impacts
- Zoning Regulations
- Zoning, Siting Recommendations
- Economic Impacts and Financial Sureties

What Must be Considered

- **Fire Safety**

- Gas Monitoring – Hydrogen Fluoride
- Plume Modeling – heavy metals, particulate matter
- Suppression Methods – burn out, containment
- Hydrants - access to the Site
- Training and Equipment Needs
- Emergency Response Plan

- **Land Use Compatibility and Zoning**

- Industrial Areas
- Siting Near Utility Stations
- Setbacks
- Screening

- **Health and Environment**

- Noise Impacts
- Air, Soil and Water
- Spill Response and Containment
- Protective Equipment
- Hazard Mitigation Plan

- **State Guidance**

- Commerce & Ecology
- Legislature

Questions Remain

- Exact number of facilities needed in Kitsap
- Guidance from Dept. of Ecology
- Revenue impacts (+/-)
- Facility size by zone
- Decommissioning plan
- Changing battery technology





2025

June 11

365-day
Moratorium
Adopted by
BOCC

July 14

Public Hearing

2026

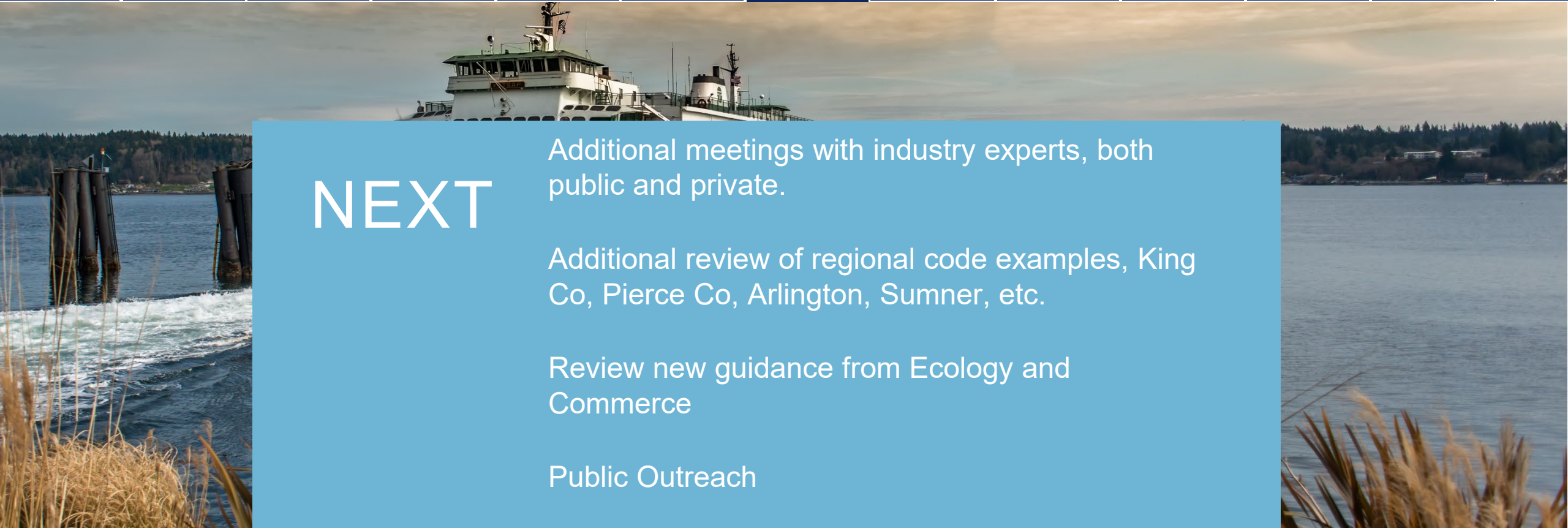
Jan

Draft code,
begin public
review
process

April

Moratorium
Extension

June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
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Additional meetings with industry experts, both public and private.

Additional review of regional code examples, King Co, Pierce Co, Arlington, Sumner, etc.

Review new guidance from Ecology and Commerce

Public Outreach