



Cascadia Ridge Batter Energy Storage System: Next Steps

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Steps Taken

- Ongoing Community Outreach
- Retained Outside Counsel
- Initial Comment Letters to King County
- Letter to Puget Sound Energy
- Letter to Washington Utilities and Transportation Committee
- BESS Moratorium Ordinance adopted by City Council
- Identified Potential Subject Matter Experts and Scope / Cost Estimates





Proposed Next Steps

Assemble the Expert Team

- Continued support from Outside Counsel
 - Request Additional \$150,000
- Retain subject matter experts:
 - Fire and emergency response (including plume dispersion analysis) / wildland urban interface: ~\$91,500 for Jensen Hughes
 - Stormwater management, noise analysis: ~ \$15,000 for Landau Associates
 - City water resources analysis: ~ \$35,000 for RH2





Moratorium: Proposed Next Steps

- Public Hearing
 - Must occur on or before July 25, 2026
- Work Plan
 - Identified in moratorium; adopt any amendments no later than on or immediately after July 25, 2026
- Additional Findings Adoption?
 - Adopt at the Public Hearing or immediately following





Moratorium: Proposed Next Steps



- Public Hearing Scheduling
 - Council Meeting on July 13
 - Special Council Meeting on July 8, 14, or 15
- Agenda for Public Hearing
 - Public Hearing (required)
 - Staff presentation, including proposed work plan
 - Adopt work plan at same meeting or immediately after
 - Adopt additional findings at same meeting or immediately after



BESS Application Next Steps



Work with outside counsel to:

- Retain experts
- Analyze application materials and SEPA Checklist
- Prepare any additional comments to King County