



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT A COUNCIL MEETING?

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- Council
  - Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)
  - Advisory Panel (AP)

## GROUPS MEETING SIMULTANEOUSLY

The AP and the SSC are advisory bodies to the Council and represent scientific and stakeholder expertise. By meeting at the same time and place,

**THE PUBLIC IS ABLE TO ENGAGE WITH ALL OF THESE GROUPS** about management issues under consideration.

## WHAT'S THE MEETING PROCESS?

At each of the three meetings, **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN SIGN UP TO TESTIFY.**

*Signup sheets can be found on a table near the entrance, and staff are available to answer questions about the meeting process.*

### EACH GROUP:

1. Hears staff and advisory group reports
2. Takes public testimony
3. Deliberates
4. Makes a recommendation or takes an action.

## HOW DO I ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE?



➔ **SOME AGENDA ITEMS**, but not all, will be discussed by all three groups at one meeting, so each group agenda is a little different. Their schedules are staggered throughout the 8 days of the meeting so the public can participate fully.

➔ **SCHEDULES** can be found online and posted at the meeting and also include a list of all associated public events for the week. The Council, AP and SSC use the same agenda, but scheduling is different among the three groups. The schedule lists the approximate timing for each agenda item as well as the location and meeting times.

➔ **IF THE ISSUE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN** is discussed multiple times, it is helpful to listen to the discussions at each group. Given the groups' different areas of expertise, discussion and public testimony can vary, and offer valuable insights into the scope of the Council's considerations.

➔ **IF YOU ARE LIMITED IN TIME**, look for when the Council is hearing your issue. Share your views and concerns directly with the decision-makers tasked with taking action.

## WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

Council week often involves several other events open to the public. This might include:

- OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS,
- EVENING SOCIAL EVENTS OR
- SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS,

all of which can be **VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES** to learn more about the issues and meet others working within the process.

