

Pathways Stakeholder Process
Workshop #5

Stakeholder Engagement Processes

Considerations for a Western Regional Organization



October 7, 2024
9am-12pm PT / 10am-1pm MT / 11am-2pm CT
Virtual / Zoom

WORKSHOP SERIES SCHEDULE

Workshop	Topic	Date
1	Introduction to Briefing Document and Discussion	July 11
2	How could issues and solutions before the Regional Organization get raised? Who leads?	July 24
3	What could a sector-based committee and voting structure add?	August 2
<i>Stakeholder Comments on Meetings 1-3</i>		August 2 - 16
4	Reviewing a Discussion Document for a Stakeholder Engagement Process	August 28
<i>Stakeholder Comments on Meeting 4 & Discussion Document</i>		Aug. 28 - Sept. 11
5	Refining the Sector Proposal	October 7
<i>Stakeholder Comments on Step 2 Proposal</i>		October 3 - 25

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- A. **Shared Understanding:** The Launch Committee walks through the role of sectors on the Stakeholder Representatives Committee
- B. **Refine the Design:** Participants share their ideas for strengthening the sector proposal
- C. **Where We Go from Here:** Participants understand the next steps for refining the sector proposal and opportunities for the stakeholder engagement process to evolve over time

AGENDA & INTRODUCTIONS

#	Topic	Duration
1	Welcome and Housekeeping	15 min
2	Context: The Stakeholder Representative Committee	45 min
3	Sector Proposal & Feedback Received	30 min
4	<i>BREAK</i>	10 min
5	Facilitated Discussion	65 min
6	Wrap-Up	15 min

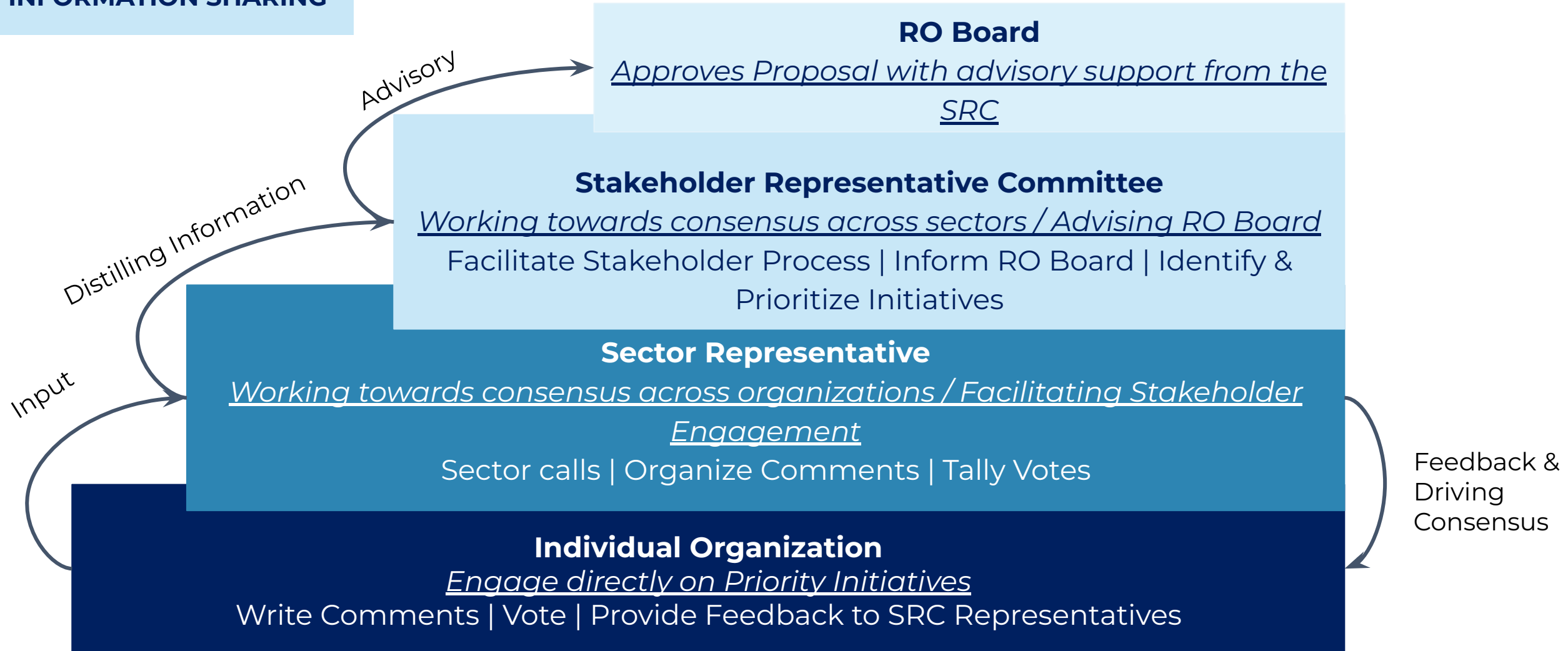
Introductions:

- Name
- Organization
- Sector Affiliation
- What is one thing you will do with your free time when Pathways workshops and comments slow down?

Context: The Stakeholder Representatives Committee



INFORMATION SHARING



STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, & EXPECTATIONS

Role: Provide advice and input and to facilitate and support the participation of stakeholders in the stakeholder process, both individually and at the sector level.

Responsibilities: The SRC will be primarily responsible for delineating any guidelines and procedures for the conduct of SRC activities in the RO stakeholder initiative process.

Expectations: Persons appointed to roles on the SRC and on any adjacent groups will be committed to supporting and facilitating the participation of the stakeholder community and its members in the stakeholder process, even if a given stakeholder's perspective or position does not necessarily align with the position of the SRC representative or appointee's position on an issue, the position of the representative's company, or the position of the representative's sector. *Expected participation in at least 80% of the meetings.*

As the SRC is established, stakeholders should anticipate that the level of time commitment required to participate as an SRC representative may be significant and should consider if this level of commitment is in alignment with the desire for more stakeholder-driven processes.



STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE: GOALS

- Collaboration
- Diversity of opinion and ideas
- An accessible and efficient process that organizations can effectively participate in
- Thorough and diverse input into critical processes for the RO
- Manageable and balanced structure

CHECK-IN QUESTIONS

- POLL QUESTION: I understand how the SRC is intended to work.
(scale of 1=*disagree* to 5=*agree*)
- For those who answered 1-3, what remaining questions do you have?
(chat or unmute)

POLL QUESTION

- POLL QUESTION: How comfortable are you with the role of the SRC within the stakeholder engagement process?
(scale of 1=*uncomfortable* to 5=*comfortable*)

CHECK-IN QUESTIONS

- POLL QUESTION: Which of these goals resonates with you? (check box)
 - Collaboration
 - Diversity of opinion and ideas
 - An accessible and efficient process that organizations can effectively participate in
 - Thorough and diverse input into critical processes for the RO
 - Manageable and balanced structure
- Is there anything missing? (chat or unmute)

Sector Proposals



SUMMARY OF SECTOR FEEDBACK

- Several parties suggested further refining/defining/clarifying sector membership, with many of the comments focused on the transmission dependent utilities sector. Some commenters also suggested using stakeholder sectors as they are defined in other processes (e.g. WRAP Nominating Committee);
- There were several requests to add SRC seats and/or create new sectors for different organizations, including consumer advocates, DER entities, PMAs, consumer-owned utilities and neighboring BAs.
- There continues to be concern about the sector balance between sellers and buyers;
- There is some support for distinguishing between consumer-owned and investor-owned utilities, including adding a second SRC seat for the EDAM sector to cover consumer-owned utilities;

SUMMARY OF SECTOR FEEDBACK

- It is important that the final stakeholder process clearly define the role of the CAISO as both a stakeholder representing a BA in the RO stakeholder process and as the market operator interacting with the RO;
- Sectors should have discretion to organize themselves, but some elements may benefit from consistency, such as how they develop consensus, how they conduct votes, and how they communicate positions to the RO.
- Some commenters noted the balance between using sectors to create a reasonably representative stakeholder committee to promote collaboration and compromise while still allowing individual entities to participate directly through opportunities such as voting, comments and working groups.

CHECK-IN QUESTION

- Are there any themes missing from this summary? (chat or unmute)

SECTORS

Discussion Document	CAISO RIF	SPP	WRAP	MISO
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EDAM Entities 2. EIM Entities 3. ISO PTOs 4. Transmission-dependent utilities 5. Public Interest Organizations 6. Consumer Advocates 7. Large C&I Customers 8. IPPs, Independent Transmission Developers, and marketers 9. DERs (including DG, storage and DR resources, aggregators, and enabling hardware and software providers) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EIM Entities 2. ISO PTOs 3. Consumer-owned utilities 4. PIOs and CAs 5. IPPs and marketers 6. Federal Power Marketing Administration 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IPPs 2. Independent transmission companies 3. IOUs 4. Fed agencies 5. Marketers 6. Coops 7. Munis 8. State agencies 9. SPP contract participants 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IOUs 2. POUs 3. LSE 4. Fed Power Marketing Administration 5. IPPs and marketers 6. Public interest orgs 7. Retail customer advocacy group 8. Industrial customer advocacy group 9. LSE represented by other Load Responsible Entity (LRE) 10. Committee of State Representatives 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IPPs and EWGs 2. Transmission owners 3. TDUs, coops, and munis 4. Transmission developers 5. Power marketers 6. Eligible end use customers 7. Coordinating members 8. State reg. authorities 9. Public consumer advocates 10. Environmental 11. Affiliates

POLL QUESTION

- POLL QUESTION: I see where my organization belongs within the current sector proposal.
(scale of 1=*disagree* to 5=*agree*)

Start to reflect on these upcoming discussion questions....

- What about the sector proposal feels challenging to you?
- What about the sector proposal do you feel most comfortable with?

Facilitated Discussion



QUESTION #1

1. What about the sector proposal feels challenging to you?

QUESTION #2

2. What about the sector proposal do you feel most comfortable with?

QUESTION #3

3. What do you propose to address these challenges?

Wrap-Up



NEXT STEPS

1. Takeaways from today's discussion will be integrated into the Stakeholder Process Work Group's updated sector proposal.riod
 - *Updated sector proposal shared by October 14, 2024*
2. Step 2 Proposal Stakeholder Comment Period
 - [Comment template](#) available on WIEB website
 - Submit comments via email to Comments@WestWidePathwaysInitiative.org by October 25, 2024

Please take a couple of minutes to leave us feedback via this survey:

<https://forms.gle/4HeJSEi2Wi8YcGR97>



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