

# Municipal Wastewater Permit Fees Advisory Committee

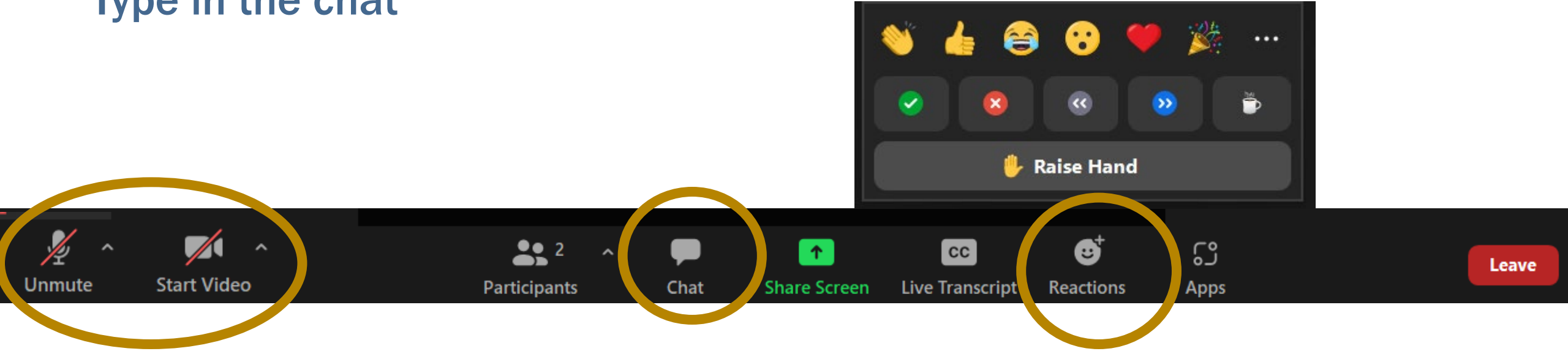
**Orientation Meeting**

**Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 & Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

# Using Zoom

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# Agenda

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# Introductions

**Please tell us your:**

- Name
- Organization
- Role

# Advisory Committee Goal

Submit recommendations to the Department of Ecology that will identify fees needed to fully recover expenses to administer municipal wastewater permits so that the permit backlog is reduced.

## Our statutory performance targets

Reduce the permit backlog to 40% by 2025 and 20% by 2027

# Kickoff Meeting - Logistics

## Location

- Lacey Community Center
- Parking available

## Time

- 10 AM – 3 PM

## Notes

- Lunch will be provided
- Details & agenda found in meeting invite or on our EZView webpage

# Kickoff Meeting - Materials

- [EZView orientation](#)
- Materials Packet
- Draft Ground Rules and Decision Making
  - We will finalize these at our kickoff meeting. Please review and bring any comments.

# Finalizing our Kickoff Agenda

## Kickoff Goals

- Context
- Cohesion
- Foundational info
- Prepare for action

## Morning - Context

Purpose and deliverables, defining the problem

- Clean Water Act and Ecology's delegated authority
- Municipal wastewater discharge permit backlog data and understanding the backlog
- Committee scope authorized by SB 5585
- Deliverables required by SB 5585
- Problem definition



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## Afternoon – Municipal Wastewater Permit Workload and Staffing

1. How we work together: Ground rules and decision making
2. Permits and the backlog
  - The permitting workload
  - What's changed over the last 20 years
  - Process improvement efforts
  - Eliminating the backlog without overstaffing
  - Ecology's estimate of staffing needs
  - Deepening the analysis: What information do you need before making a decision?
3. Related processes: rulemaking, budget requests

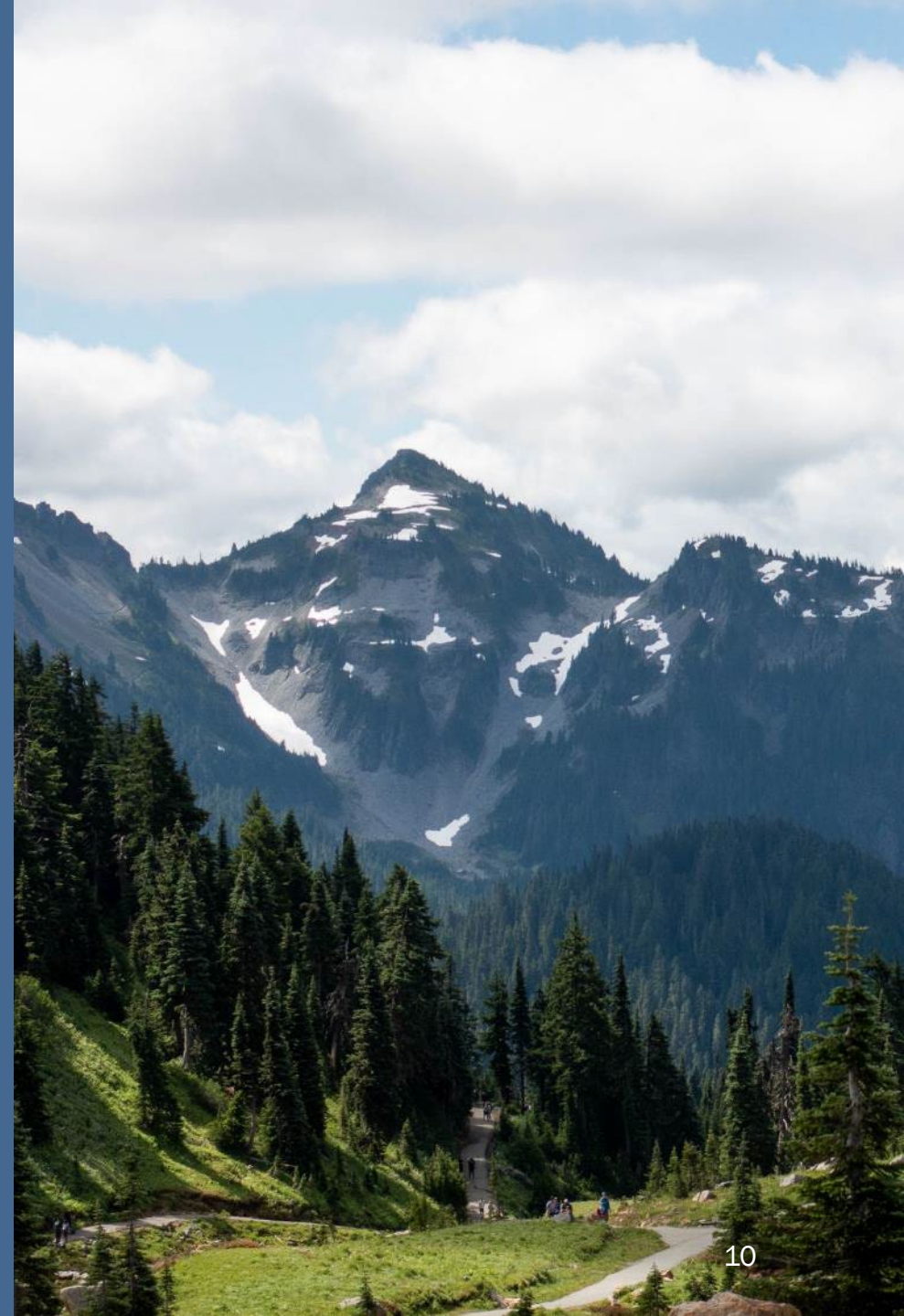
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# Roundtable

Have any questions or comments?



# Action Items

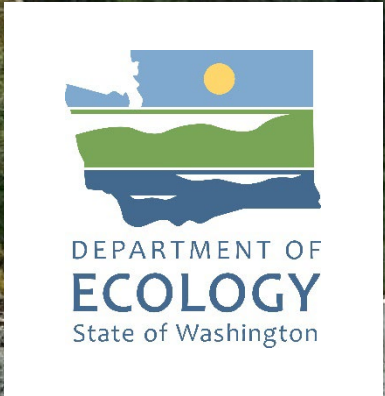
## Complete before the July 15 Kickoff meeting:

- Lunch survey
- Scheduling survey
  - Surveys will be sent out via email and can be found on our EZView webpage

## Prepare to complete at the July 15 Kickoff meeting:

- What information does the group need to make a decision about our first deliverable – Ecology municipal wastewater permit workload analysis
- Review the Ground Rules & Decision Making Document





# Thank you!

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