

OPTN Public Comment Orientation

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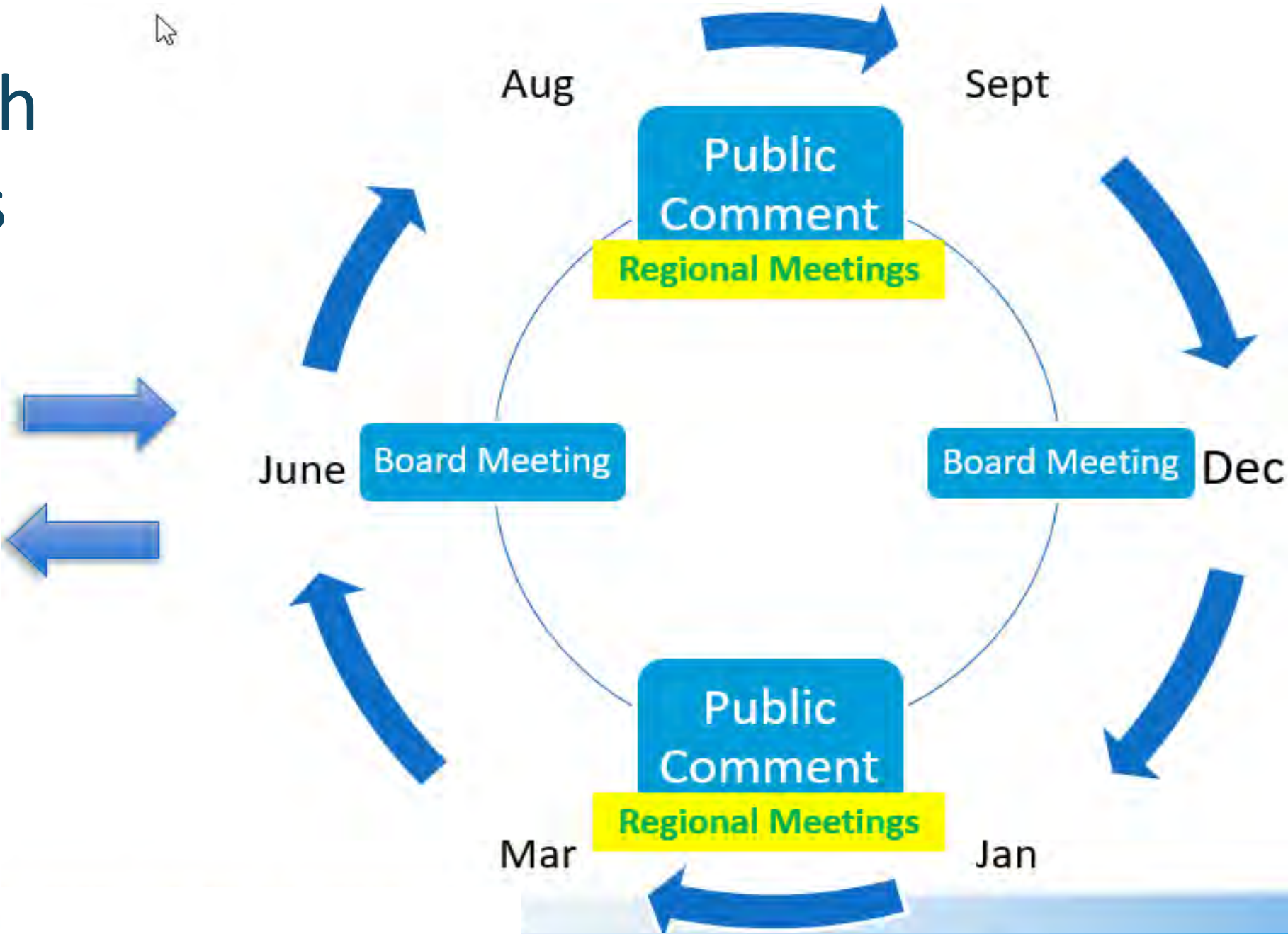
- Policy development process
- Participating in public comment
- Regional Meetings

Policy Development Process



Two 6-Month Policy Cycles

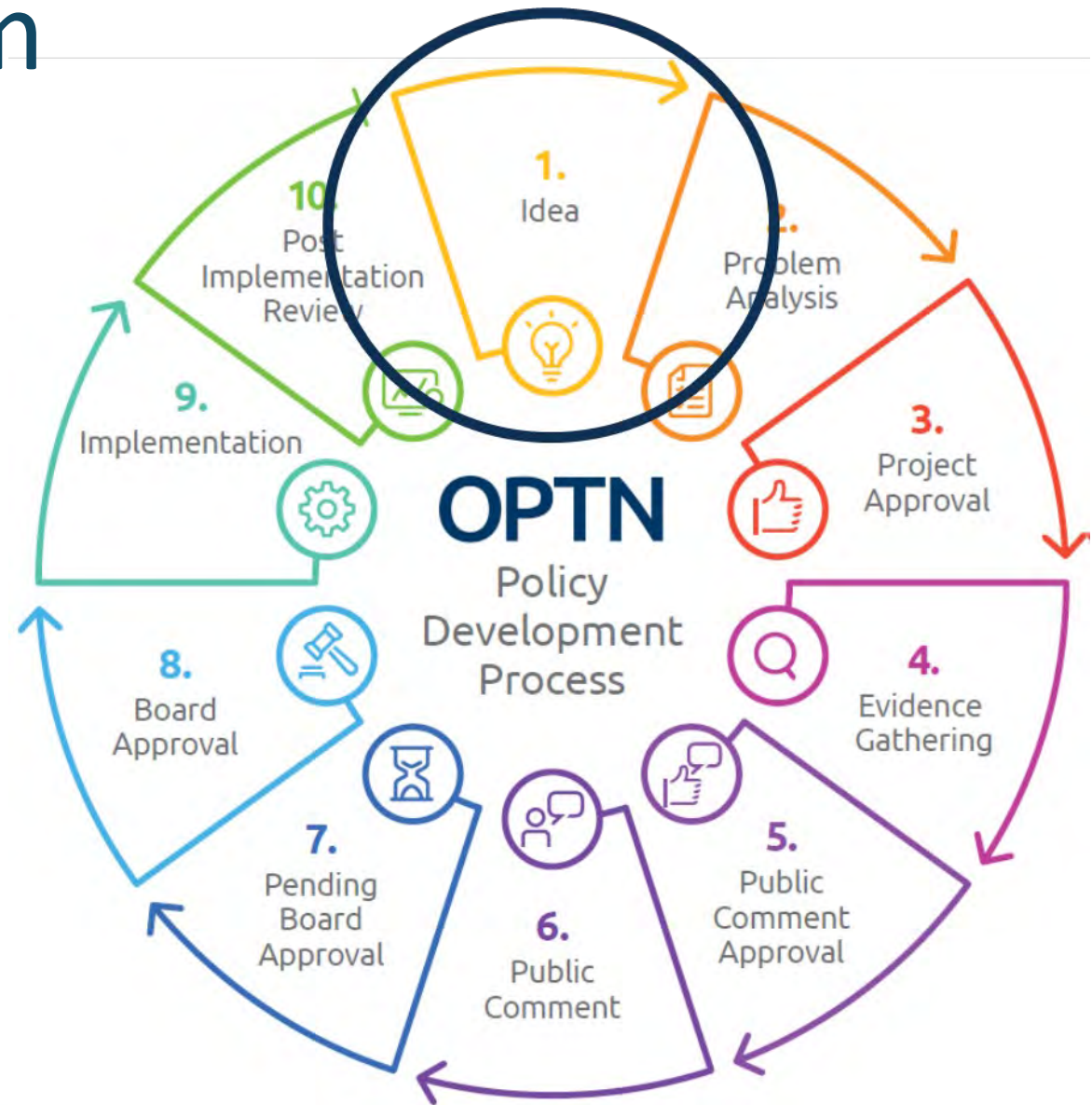
Ongoing
Committee
Meetings



Ideas Can Come From

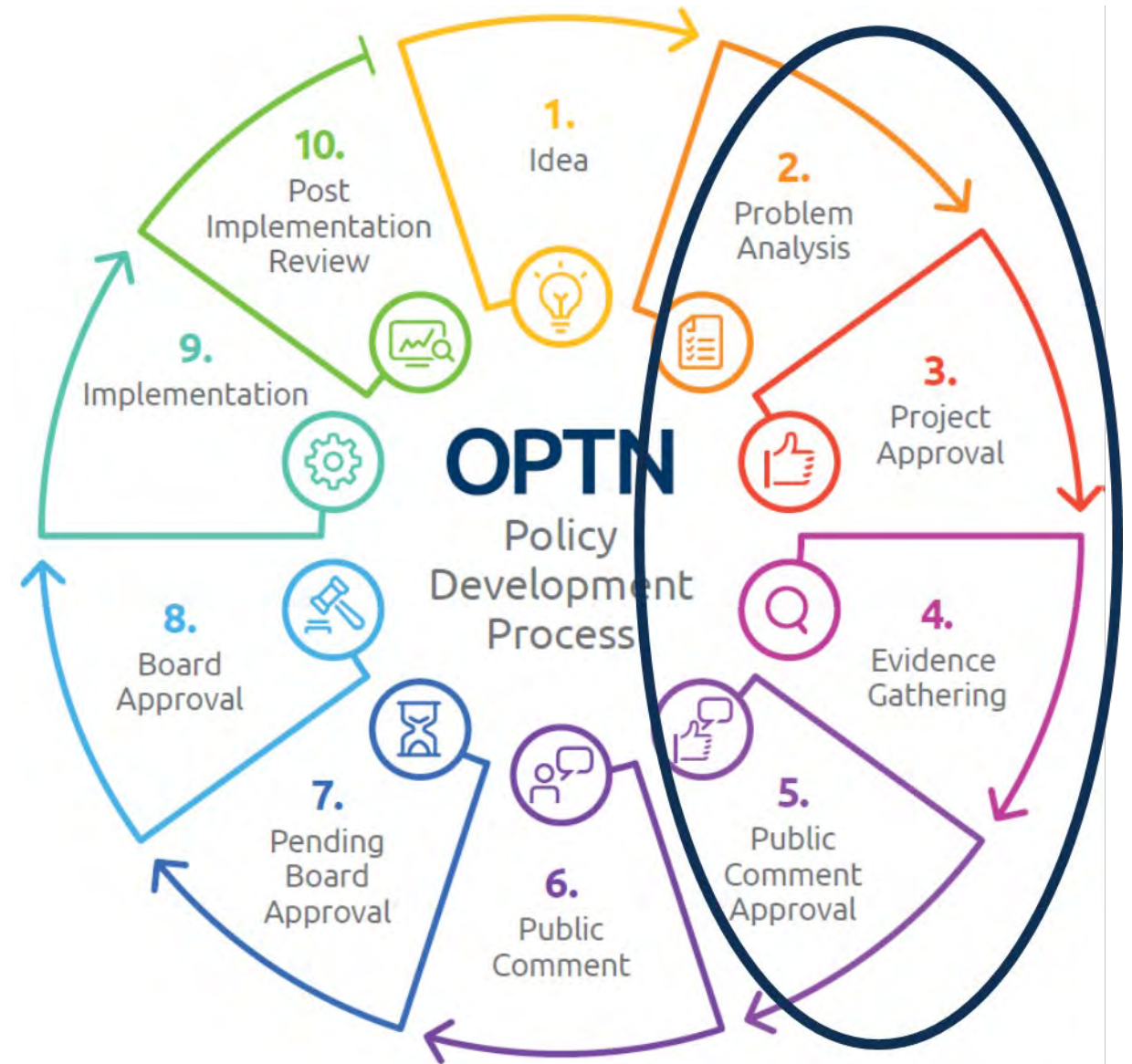
- OPTN members
- Committee members
- Community contributors
- Regional feedback
- Government mandates
- Professional societies
- Actually anywhere

**Send ideas for projects to
member.questions@unos.org**



Project Development

- **OPTN Policy Oversight Committee Role**
 - Strategic Plan and Priority Alignment
 - Resource Estimates
 - Cost/Benefit Estimates
- **OPTN Executive Committee Review and Approval**

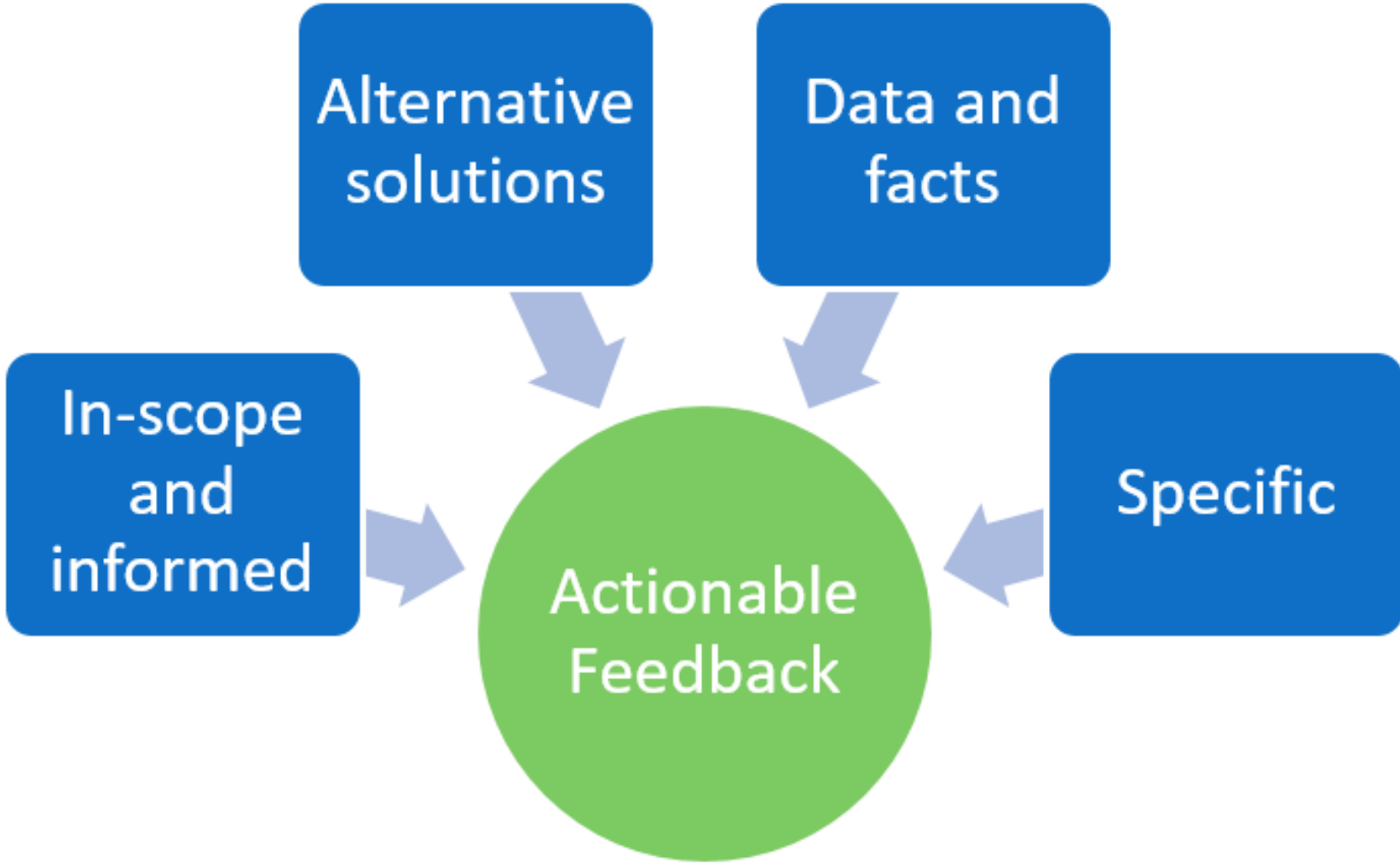


Public Comment is Inclusive

- Any member of the public on OPTN website
- Regional meetings
- OPTN Committees
- Stakeholder organizations



Actionable Feedback



What Happens with Public Comment



Regional Meeting Information

Register for a meeting, view agenda and meeting presentations

The screenshot shows the 'Regional Meetings' page on the OPTN website. The page has a light blue header with the title 'Regional Meetings'. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: Home » Members » Regions » Regional Meetings. On the left side, there is a navigation menu with categories: Member Directory, Committees, Board of Directors, Board Q & A, Executive Summary, Member Actions, and Get Involved. Under 'Member Actions', 'Regions' is highlighted in a dark blue box, and 'Regional Meetings' is highlighted in a light blue box. Below 'Regional Meetings', there are links for 'What to Expect at Regional Meetings' and 'OPTN Regional Review'. The main content area on the right has a green heading 'Regional Meetings' followed by a paragraph explaining that regional meetings are held twice a year for public comment. It includes a link to 'Learn more here'. Below this is another green heading 'Winter 2021 Virtual Regional Meetings' followed by a paragraph stating that due to COVID-19, meetings will be virtual. It also includes a link to 'Register and find additional meeting details by visiting your region's webpage.' and a list of six regional meeting dates from January to March 2021.

Regional Meetings

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Review Boards

Get Involved

Regional Meetings

Regional meetings are held twice each year during the winter and summer public comment periods. Regional meetings are an opportunity to influence policy proposals, prepare for upcoming changes, and hear perspectives from the transplant community about improvements to organ allocation. Here's [what you can expect](#) at regional meetings. New to the public comment process? [Learn more here](#).

For details about winter 2021 public comment visit the [public comment webpage](#).

Winter 2021 Virtual Regional Meetings

The safety of our members is a top priority. Because of COVID-19 health concerns, all Winter 2021 regional meetings will be held virtually.

The virtual format will maintain objectives of in-person meetings by collecting feedback on OPTN projects, as well as, learning about and collecting feedback on policy proposals and other public comment items.

Register and find additional meeting details by visiting your region's webpage.

[Region 1](#) - Monday, March 8, 2021

[Region 2](#) - Tuesday, March 16, 2021

[Region 3](#) - Wednesday, February 3, 2021

[Region 4](#) - Thursday, January 28, 2021

[Region 5](#) - Thursday, February 11, 2021

[Region 6](#) - Thursday, February 4, 2021

Plan and Prepare for Regional Meetings

- **Register** for your meeting and review agenda
- **Read** meeting related communications
- **Review** public comment documents
- **Read** relevant items; note questions and feedback
- **Review** recordings of public comment items
- **Discuss** items with your colleagues

Public Comment – we want to hear from you!

