

Permitting Enhancement Program Update

Board Meeting
September 6, 2024



Permitting Enhancement Program (PEP)

- April 2023 - Chair introduced PEP
 - Objective is to reduce the permit backlog and modernize permitting to improve processing and issuance timelines
- August 2023 - Comprehensive PEP Workplan
- February 2024 – Six-month update
- Today – One year status update
 - Board requested update to ensure progress
 - Five PEP Elements - 21 Short- and Long-Term Enhancements
 - Implementation highlights



PEP Workplan Outline

Presented at August 2023 Board Meeting

Highlights



- Organizational Updates
- Online Filing
- Web Page Update
- Risk Assessment Tool



PEP Progress Report

Improvements under PEP Year One



Increased Production

Average annual production up 15% since PEP

New goals for continual improvement



Increased Staffing Levels

Vacancy rate 10% or less since October 2023

Staff retention rates stable



Actions on Aged Applications

517 completed during PEP
Increased efforts to resolve complex permitting matters



Increased Public Engagement

New feedback from stakeholders

Added Working Group format



Modernizations Developed

Permitting modules and tools to increase efficiencies



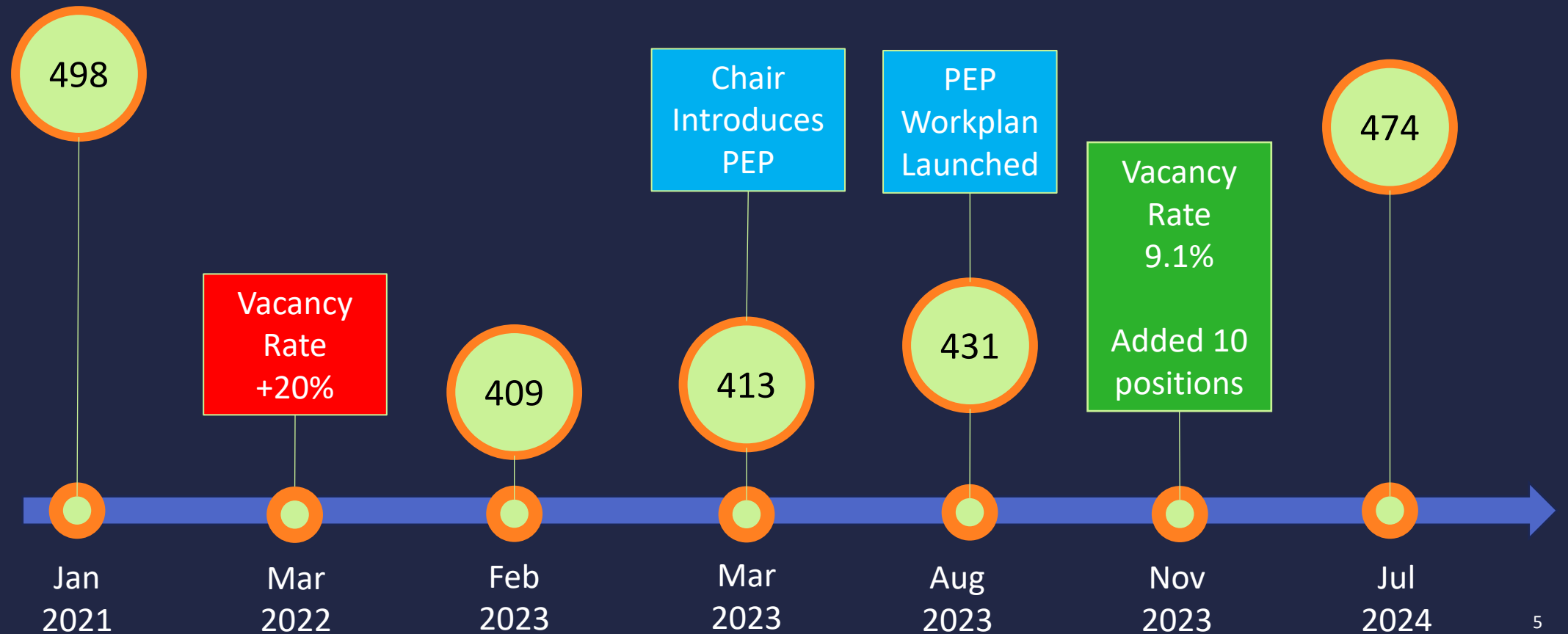
Other Efficiencies in Progress

Longer term PEP items under development

Stakeholder feedback for additional actions

Production Increasing

Monthly Application Completions - Rolling 12-Month Average



Progress Report on Permit Processing Goals

Timely Processing Goal – Met and Exceeded

Met Fiscal Year 2023-24 Goal

- Timely processing of applications

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Goal

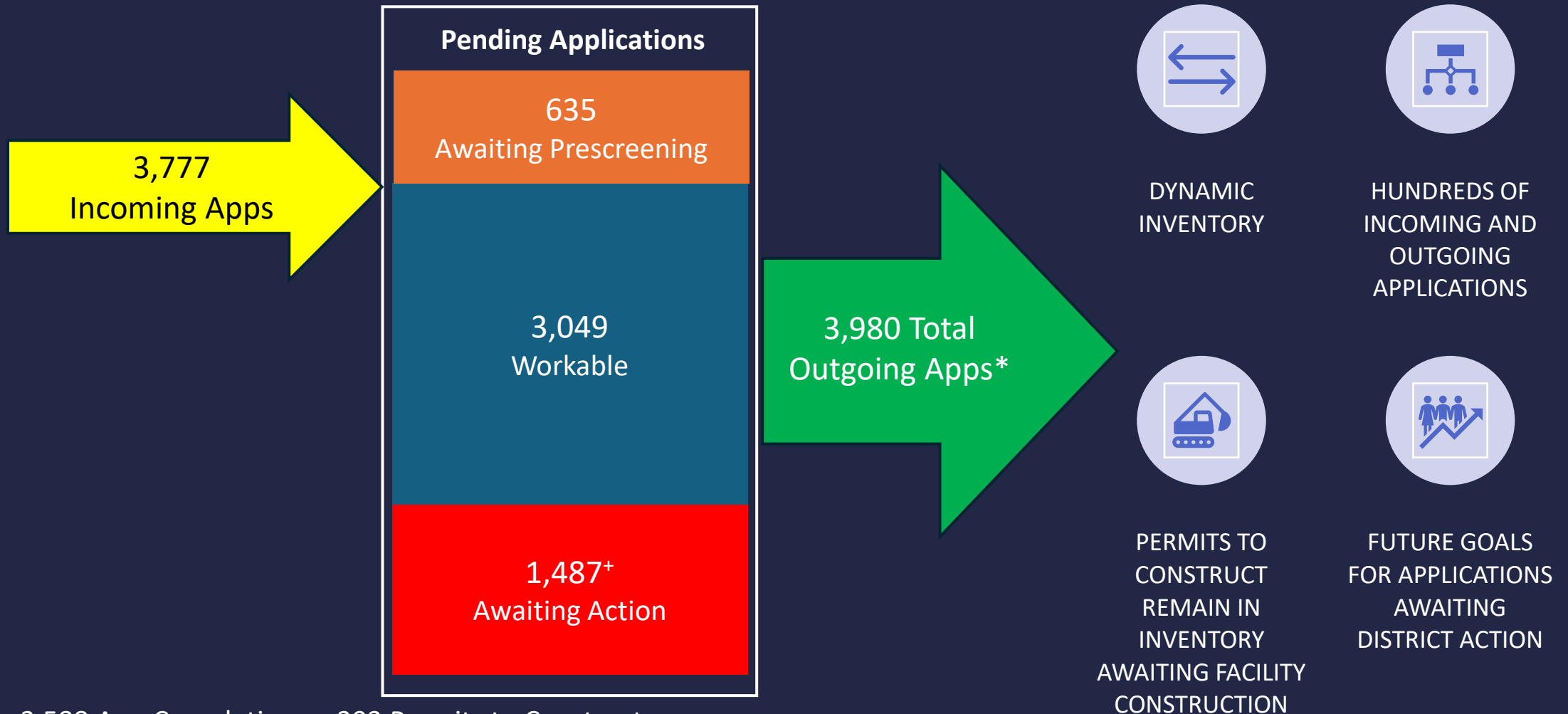
- Continual improvement
- Increase production by 500 completions as compared to 2023
- Goal of 5,865 permit completions
- Progress toward pre-pandemic production

Timely Processing Goal
All Applications
(FY 2023-24)



Rethinking the Permit Inventory

Calendar Year 2024 Snapshot



*Includes 3,588 App Completions + 392 Permits to Construct

⁺ Includes 1,079 Permits to Construct already issued

Public Engagement and Feedback

Increased Goal for Public Meetings

- Permit Streamlining Task Force
 - Focuses on engineering practices and policy discussions
 - Increased meeting frequency from two to four per fiscal year
 - Changed meeting format based on stakeholder input
 - Incorporating feedback for PEP initiative and streamlining measures
- Permitting Working Group
 - Focuses on technical permitting issues
 - Initiated Working Group in June 2024
 - Target is three meetings per fiscal year



Next Steps

- Next PEP Board Update: Q1 2025
- Report progress of PEP action items
 - Highlights on two-year action items
 - Status on longer term action items
- Air Quality Engineer recruitment
- Ongoing public engagement
 - Task Force meeting September 25
- Continue development of staff and efficiencies to increase production



Permitting Enhancement Program Modernizations