



## AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 18, 2019

5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

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Conference Room Number: 9346 - Participant PIN: 4375

### DRAFT AGENDA

- 5:30 P.M.     **1. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVE AGENDA, APPROVE MEETING SUMMARY**  
*Tamara Toles O’Laughlin, ACPAC Chair, All*
- 5:35 P.M.     **2. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS FOR EXISTING BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY**  
*Rodney Sobin, Senior Program Director, National Association of State Energy Officers; ACPAC member*

Buildings account for almost 40% of U.S. energy use. In the COG region and elsewhere, buildings are the single largest driver of greenhouse gas emissions from both electricity consumption and onsite fuel use. Mr. Sobin will describe how some state and local governments are starting to address the challenge of increasing energy efficiency in existing buildings. While new buildings are required to meet new building energy codes or may seek to meet green building standards, existing buildings, especially older ones, are more challenging to address due to costs, long capital life, and split incentives (e.g., landlord-tenant split incentives). Some localities, such as Boulder (CO), New York City, and Salt Lake City are trying innovative approaches that go beyond benchmarking and disclosure. And this year Washington, DC enacted the Clean Energy DC Omnibus Act which entails aggressive goals and will create challenging existing building energy performance requirements.

- 6:15 P.M.     **3. CLIMATE AND ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS**  
*Amanda Campbell, COG Department of Environmental Programs*  
*Tamara Toles O’Laughlin, ACPAC Chair, All*

ACPAC will review and finalize the 2019 Climate & Energy Leadership awards materials, including the flyer, program description, media outreach kit, and judging rubric. The materials were revised according to prior feedback. Staff will describe the changes and members are invited to discuss and approve the materials. The materials can assist members in promoting the awards throughout their networks. ACPAC will judge the applications this summer.

**Action:** Approve 2019 awards materials

**6:40 P.M. 4. REGIONAL EJ UPDATES AND GRANT APPLICATION ON EQUITY, HEALTH, CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP**

*Maia Davis, COG Staff*

*Tamara Toles O’Laughlin, ACPAC Chair, All*

Some new initiatives to address equity are in development for the region, including a racial equity training for local government leadership. The recently published report “Uneven Opportunities” is helping inform these efforts. COG is preparing to apply for a grant to fund a related climate resilience, health, and equity project. COG is seeking ACPAC’s assistance as COG develops the concepts into concrete plans over the next year.

**7:15 P.M. 5. AIR QUALITY, CLIMATE AND ENERGY PROJECT UPDATES**

- ACPAC members are cordially invited to attend the April 4 CEEPC meeting which will be held at the Washington Auto show at the Washington Convention Center. Attendees will be able to tour the electric vehicle track at the Auto Show as part of the meeting’s activities. More details to come.
- The MWAQC Executive Committee is planning to review and submit a comment letter in early April on the proposed cost-benefit calculations in the Mercury and Air Toxics rule, which would no longer account for particulate matter cobenefits. MWAQC’s concern that this new procedure could set a precedent and be used in the future for criteria pollutants NAAQS evaluations.
- COG is working with Virginia staff to secure funding for the Army Corps of Engineers study which will examine current and future hurricane inundation risks and solutions along the northern Virginia side of the Potomac river.

**7:30 P.M. 6. ADJOURN**