

Major Themes in Comments Received on Draft 2009 - 2012 Climate Action Workplan

1. Stress on Local Government Resources

Several expressed concern about local government having insufficient resources to accomplish the goals. There were comments about the administrative burden and cost to local governments for meeting the deadlines. Questions about the availability of data for measurement of progress.

2. Buildings Energy Efficiency

- Some commented that local governments lack authority to require private-sector commercial buildings to meet LEED standards.
- Suggestion that local governments enforce energy/building codes.
- The Intergovernmental Green Building Group (IGBG) expressed concern over the targets and deadlines.
- Support for targets and disclosure of energy information for government buildings
- Support for including a performance measures for building operations and maintenance
- Support for going beyond LEED, define a benchmark approach

3. Integration of TPB Work Program

COG's Dept. of Transportation Planning propose to include "What would it take Scenario Study" in matrix. Their concern is that many CC Report recommendations require federal action. For now they recommend revising the CEEPC Matrix to include the TPB Work Program for 2010.

4. Revising Target Dates and Percentage Adoption

Several suggested modifications to the target dates and percent adoption for performance measures. Specific suggestions were made for Tree Canopy Plan (change to 2011), GHG Inventories (change to 2010), Community wide plans (change to 100%), and Homes and Buildings retrofitted (10000 possibly too aggressive). Commenters suggested all be reviewed to reflect issue of larger/smaller jurisdictions, percent population covered.

5. Addition of Renewable Energy Measures

Several suggested new renewable energy items:

- 10000 Solar Roofs by 2012
- Promotion of Natural Gas, including decoupling rates and use of Life Cycle Analysis for fuels substitution
- Certification of green power products for regional standardization.

6. Addition of new Measurement, Criteria, Tracking, and Guidance Tasks

Several suggested new items for staff to work into the work planning effort:

- Define energy benchmarking measure
- Add metric -- jobs created
- Develop guidance on how to revise comprehensive plans to account for greenhouse gases and anticipated outcomes
- Develop method to classify green jobs
- Add "Track Education Programs"