

MWAQC Budget Committee
Meeting Summary
National Press Club
December 10, 2008, 9:45 am

Participants:

JoAnne Sorenson, Diane Franks, Cecily Beall, Hon. Leta Mach, Mike Clifford, Randy Carroll, Howard Simons, Hon. David Snyder, Kanti Srikanth, Doris McLeod, Dave Snyder, Joan Rohlfs

David Snyder opened the meeting at 9:45 am. A budget memo summarizing the proposed FY 2010 MWAQC work program and budget was distributed. It was sent earlier by email. Joan Rohlfs reviewed the draft work program and budget. She said the core MWAQC tasks in FY 2010 will be to:

- Prepare a PM_{2.5} Maintenance Plan or PM_{2.5} SIP Revision.
- Develop PM_{2.5} inventories for PM_{2.5} Maintenance Plan.
- Transition to MOVES model for use in transportation conformity (2010)
- Prepare mobile emissions factors for SIP inventories
- Evaluate EERE measures for SIP in terms of PM_{2.5} reductions and CO₂ reductions
- Track local government Supplemental Measures (former Voluntary Bundle) in the Annual PM_{2.5} and Ozone SIPs
- Develop tracking metrics for regional greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) inventory
- Coordinate air quality planning with state and local Clean Energy programs
- Review transportation conformity analyses for ozone and fine particles

Local Government Initiatives

In addition to the SIP work, there are two local government initiatives included in the work program, to be funded by COG member contributions included in COG's FY2010 work program and budget. These initiatives provide technical support for local government climate change planning, including developing a GHG emissions inventory tool for smaller jurisdictions and an air quality and energy efficiency outreach program directed at providing air quality information and explaining COG's Climate Change Report to the media and the public.

Budgeting for the FY 2010 Program

The FY2010 work program maintains the MWAQC staff and its ability to conduct the tasks described above for SIP, provide technical support to the greenhouse gas emissions inventory. No increase is proposed for the core MWAQC work program budget. The proposed funding for the core MWAQC work program is \$473,616. The proposed funding will maintain current staffing levels.

In addition, a budget for Local Government Initiatives, funded by COG local members, is \$113,127. The total funding proposed for FY2010 budget is \$586,746.

Mr. Snyder said he was encouraged by the work program and the fact that the budget could be held to current levels without an increase. Maurice Keys asked about EPA's proposed climate change effort and asked if staff is tracking legislation on climate change. Ms. Rohlf said that the department hopes to get an intern to help with tracking legislation. Mr. Snyder hoped that MWAQC would work with the state legislatures. He suggested that the MWAQC work program have a separate task for public policy coordination with states that would involve tracking legislation.

There was some discussion about the Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC) and the fact that it would "sunset" in the spring of 2009. Mr. Snyder said there's something worse than air agencies and transportation agencies being involved in air quality and greenhouse gases—it's NOT being involved. He complimented staff for its technical support of both air quality and climate change initiatives.

Mr. Snyder asked the members if they were comfortable with the proposed MWAQC work program and budget. Members indicated that there were. Mr. Sydnor moved and Ms. Sorenson seconded a motion to recommend the budget's approval by the MWAQC TAC. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Snyder adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.