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Proposed Greenhouse Gas Multi-Sector Working Group

Presentation to TPB, MWAQC, CEEPC

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Overview

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BACKGROUND

- Policy Committees' Request
 - MWAQC-CEEPC Joint Resolution (10/2/2014) asks COG to establish Greenhouse Gas Multi-Sector Professional Working Group
- o COG Board Resolution (R9-10; 1/13/2010)
 - Region Forward Compact: Environmental Goal -Sustainability Element
 - Coordination of implementation with Policy Committees and Boards



PURPOSE

- Identify set of multi-sector viable strategies implementable at local, regional, state & national levels
- Evaluate strategies to quantify greenhouse gas reductions and costs
- Estimate implementation timeframe
- Explore establishing attainable greenhouse gas reduction targets for all sectors



COMPOSITION

- Workgroup Oversight
 - Policy/Advisory Boards (COG, TPB, MWAQC, CEEPC)
- Workgroup Membership
 - Professional staffs
 - Transportation agencies highway and transit
 - Energy and environmental agencies
 - Land use planning
 - Facilitated by COG's Deputy Executive Director
- Workgroup Staff
 - COG Transportation, Environment, Community Planning Directors
 - Support by subject matter experts and technical consultants



OUTCOMES

- What Can We Do report
- Assessment of viable, multi-sector GHG reduction strategies
 - On-road transportation; off-road; area; point source
 - Cost-effectiveness analysis
 - Co-benefits analysis
 - Energy; environmental; other
 - Quantitative & qualitative
 - Potential implementation timetable
- Report on exploration of GHG reduction targets for transportation and other sectors



PROCESS

- Work scope, Schedule and Budget review by Oversight members
- Stand up technical working group Agency representatives, budget authorizations, consultant procurement
- Technical group identifies draft set of multi-sector strategies
- Public input and Board/Committee review of strategies
- Analyses of strategies / sketch planning
- Drafting What We Can Do report
- Public comments and Board/Committee reviews



PROPOSED SCHEDULE

- o 4th Quarter 2014 1st Quarter 2015
 - Establish and Convene working group
 - Detailed Work Plan and Schedule
 - Procure consultant services
- 2nd Quarter 2015
 - Consideration of Goals and Co-Benefits
 - Identification of Strategies for Analysis
 - Public Input
- 3rd Quarter 2015
 - Technical analyses of identified multi-sector strategies
 - Working group review
- o 4th Quarter 2015
 - Report preliminary findings to committees
 - Public Input
 - Report to COG Board/Policy Committees, TPB, MWAQC





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Comments? Thanks

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