



## AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 19, 2015  
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.  
Room 4/5

### DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

**ACPAC Members:** Gretchen Goldman, Seth Heald, John Howes, Robin Lewis, Sarah Mazur, Daniel Moring, Natalie Pien, Maggie Shober, Glenna Tinney, Tamara Toles O'Laughlin  
**Staff:** Steve Walz, Maia Davis, Sophie Earll, Wilson Ang

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, AGENDA AND MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL (GLENNA TINNEY, ACPAC CHAIR)**  
The meeting agenda and summary were approved without changes.
- 2. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE DISCUSSION (GLENNA TINNEY, ACPAC CHAIR)**  
ACPAC hosted an Environmental Justice (EJ) Roundtable at ACPAC's September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to learn about EJ and receive advice from local, federal and non-profit experts. As a follow-up to that roundtable, ACPAC held a discussion at the October meeting to identify what the committee's EJ initiative could look like. Staff mentioned the possibility of helping advance Clean Air Partners messages to more diverse audiences. ACPAC members discussed a variety of potential avenues, including an EJ toolkit for policy makers. ACPAC needs take into consideration their unique position in the region with having a direct voice to elected officials. An approach using member's placement and connection within existing networks might prove more favorable results. The subcommittee will review involvement and return to ACPAC with a proposal to present at the CEEPC/MWAQC joint meeting in December.
- 3. NEW OZONE STANDARD AND OZONE SEASON SUMMARY (GRETCHEN GOLDMAN, ACPAC VICE CHAIR AND STEVE WALZ, COG ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM)**  
The EPA set a new Ozone standard at 70 ppb (former standard was 75 ppb). This standard was last updated in 2008 and is typically reexamined every 5 years. Its importance reflects scientist's perspective of adequate margin of safety in relation to health. MWAQC originally wrote a letter of support for a revised standard in aims to improve its scope of protection. This new standard could affect COG's and state implementation and maintenance plans. Programs to this point have allowed for a steady downward trend but need to continue to advance to ensure the region's attainment of the standard. The 2015 Ozone season summary showed that there were no code red days and 5 code orange days during this year's Ozone season (April – September). The new standard will extend monitoring period by one month and has changed the criteria for red, orange and purple days
- 4. AWARDS PROGRAM REVIEW (GLENNA TINNEY, ACPAC CHAIR)**  
COG, formally recognized the winners of the Climate and Energy Leadership Award at the October Board Meeting. Double the amounts of applications (33) were received this year compare to last year (16). A video developed to celebrate the winners was viewed at the meeting. The winners for each category include Frederick County (large community), Takoma Park (small community), Nextility (private business) and Community Power Network (non-profit).

Looking into the future, the CUSP/National Geographic mini-grant that used to support the 2015 program has another mini-grant open that could be used to support the 2016 program. Applications are due November 6<sup>th</sup> and ACPAC members are asked to provide input on new themes, audiences and program improvements for 2016 that could be reflected in the grant application. ACPAC's recommendations will be presented to CEEPC on October 28<sup>th</sup> and their additional input will be requested.

ACPAC recommendations included recruiting a wider variety of projects such as transportation and resource conservation initiatives. Specific outreach to K-12, higher education, electric vehicle dealers were examples of potential new target groups discussed. Resource conservation initiatives could include recycling, life cycle management, and other initiatives that reduce dependence on fossil fuels. The group did agree that EJ should be added to the judging criteria to give more points to initiative that are engaging with communities low/moderate income, minority and otherwise underserved communities.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A. Multi-Sector Work Group – Upcoming Public Comment Period.

This comment period will allow for input in final report and what direction policy board should be moving forward with and ACPAC will have an opportunity to provide input at next month's meeting.

### B. 2015 DRAFT Climate and Energy Progress Report

Thank you for your comments, the report will be going to CEEPC to approve and then onto the Board.

### C. Clean Tech Leadership Forum

COG hosted a clean tech leadership forum on October 5, 2015 to begin learning and discussing how government agencies can further support the regional clean tech economy. COG is hosting Wilson Ang, a State Department Fellow from Singapore, through November 6, 2015. Wilson's research will focus on research clean tech best practices nationally and internationally and providing recommendations to COG on next steps.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2015.