



Land Use & Natural Resources Committee

Item #13-8-9
Information

July 25, 2013

September 12th Climate Change Adaptation Meeting

Issue: The impacts of climate change need to be incorporated into the on-going policy and improvement programs throughout our region.

Recommendation: None, this item is information only.

Discussion: Many programs are currently underway to address climate change, from state legislation (AB 32 and SB 375) and state agency projects, to local climate action plans by cities and counties, to investments by utilities (SMUD and PG&E). While most of the effort so far has focused on reduction and mitigation of greenhouse gases, there is also a need to recognize weather and other climate changes, and adapt our on-going decisions and investments in light of unavoidable changes. Communities in our region are already dealing with the range of issues and coordinating efforts in these issue areas can save money, leverage scarce planning assets, and help partners access state and federal resources.

SACOG staff has been meeting with staff from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, Valley Vision, Greenwise Joint Ventures, UC Davis Policy Institute for Energy, Environment and the Economy, and the Local Government Commission to have initial discussions on how to proceed and to draft a preliminary approach. On September 12, 2013, a stakeholder meeting will be held, bringing together cities and counties, state agencies, utilities, flood control and water districts, and local interest groups to further the initial discussions to improve coordination and begin to realize the potential efficiencies available. This new group's name will be the Sacramento Regional Adaptation Collaborative (SacReady). SacReady is a network designed to promote greater coordination and cooperation at the local and regional level. Through this collaborative, leadership from regional and local government, the business community, academia, labor, environmental and community groups can work together to inform policy with the latest research and resources available to assist communities in the Sacramento region. SacReady's purpose is to provide a better understanding of existing research on local impacts, identify and fill information gaps, share information, foster partnerships, develop strategies to reduce risk and increase community resilience, assist in accessing resources, and promote a green economy by encouraging sustainable communities and economic development.

The SACOG leadership (Board Chair, Vice Chair, and CEO) will meet with the SacAQMD leadership (Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Director) on August 15 to get additional background information on SacReady and the September 12 agenda. As more details are available, they will be brought to the Board.

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