

**COG Climate Change Steering
Committee (CCSC)**

Draft Scope of Work Tasks
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CCSC Work Program Major Outcomes

- Quantify Greenhouse gas emissions in our region – now and in future year(s)
- Identify best practices to reduce greenhouse gases – build on existing efforts (catalogue)
- Consider baseline(s) and reduction target(s)
- Implement actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Develop metrics to measure progress



CCSC Work Program Complementary Outcomes

- Examine potential local climate change impacts
- Evaluate Carbon Offset Fund
- Develop policy positions
- Prepare education and outreach information
- Assess future organizational structure, if any, for climate change initiative at COG



[Nine Work Program Elements]

1. Steering Committee Support, Organization and Management
2. Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory
3. Catalogue of Existing GHG Activities
4. Local Climate Change Impacts
5. Identification of Best Management Practices
6. Feasibility of Carbon Offset Fund
7. GHG Reduction Goal/Target
8. Policy and Advocacy
9. Education and Outreach



Funding

- COG Board - \$100K from FY 07 Contingency Budget
 - \$50K for staff now, \$50K for grant match
- FY 08 – As much as feasible from existing funding sources:
 - COG’s Energy, Green Building, Alternative Fuels, Water Resources, and other environmental program budgets
 - MWAQC Local Initiatives Budget
 - TPB Unified Planning Work Program
 - COG Planning Program
 - Other Existing COG Programs (cooperative purchasing)
- Partnerships with other organizations, states, COG members
- Seek grants for targeted support in selected areas – for outreach and education, for best practices compilation, for detailed inventory development, for carbon offset fund evaluation



[Next Steps]

- CCSC Feedback Today
- Staff Prepare Work Program and Funding Plan
- Staff identify potential partnerships and seek grants to support program
- CCSC Consider Staff Recommendation at June meeting

