



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 6/25/15
Agenda Item #: R.2
Est. Start Time: Approx. 9:35 am
Date Submitted: 6/12/15

Agenda Title: **RESOLUTION Adopting the Joint Multnomah County and City of Portland 2015 Climate Action Plan**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: June 25th, 2015 **Time Needed:** 30 mins

Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** Office of Sustainability

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General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adopt a resolution approving the joint Multnomah County/City of Portland 2015 Climate Action Plan and directing the Office of Sustainability and County Departments to implement the five year actions identified in the Plan.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

In 2009, Multnomah County and the City of Portland adopted the Climate Action Plan, a roadmap for reducing community wide greenhouse gas emissions in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change on our community. As a result, countywide greenhouse gas emissions have been reduced 14% below 1990 levels. The 2015 Climate Action Plan builds off of that success by identifying a new set of five year actions for Multnomah County and City of Portland to complete that will continue to lower countywide carbon emissions, protect the most vulnerable in the community from the impacts of climate change, and ensure that the benefits and burdens of climate change do not fall inequitably upon the community. The Climate Action Plan aligns with the mission of the County and the goals of many County programs, including Program Offer#10018-16 Office of Sustainability.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

There is no immediate fiscal impact. The actions in the 2015 Climate Action Plan are focused on leveraging existing programs and projects at the County. Strategies outlined in

the Plan will be implemented in the current and upcoming fiscal years using existing resources. In subsequent years, Departments may request additional funding if necessary and at their discretion through the normal budget approval process.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

Multnomah County Board adopted Resolution No. 09-133, directing implementation of the 2009 Climate Action Plan. The 2009 Climate Action Plan established a goal of reducing countywide greenhouse gas emissions 80% below 1990 levels by the year 2050. It included a number of short term actions to be completed by Multnomah County and the City of Portland to put the community on a path to achieving those reductions. As of 2013, greenhouse gas emissions are 14% below 1990 levels, putting the community on track towards meeting its 2050 goal. The 2015 action plan reaffirms the 2050 reduction goal and outlines new five year actions for the City and County to continue on a path towards that goal. The 2015 also incorporates the findings and recommendations of the 2014 Climate Change Preparation Strategy, which focuses on protecting our community from the impacts of climate change. Finally, the 2015 Climate Action Plan brings a strong focus on equity as well as community co-benefits of climate action, including public health.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

A Steering Committee was convened made up of over 20 community experts on energy, land use, public health and other areas to support the 2015 Climate Action Plan's development. A separate Equity Workgroup made up of community based organizations and County/City staff was formed to ensure that the Plan reflects community priorities/values. A public comment period was completed, including community open houses, briefings with organizations and online comments, and that input has been incorporated into the Plan.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department**

Director: John Wasiutynski

Date: 6/12/15

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