



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 1/26/12
Agenda Item #: R.3
Est. Start Time: 9:50 am
Date Submitted: 1/18/12

Agenda Title: **2009 Climate Action Plan Implementation Briefing**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: January 26th, 2012 **Time Needed:** 30 Minutes
Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** Office of Sustainability
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Kat West & Tim Lynch (Office of Sustainability), Lillian Shirley & Kari Lyons-Eubanks (Health Department), Dave Houghton & Joe Partridge (Office of Emergency Management), and Sherry Swackhamer (Department of County Assets)

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

None.

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, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and the City of Portland Council adopted the Climate Action Plan to address the threat of climate change. The Climate Action Plan serves as a 40-year roadmap to an energy efficient and climate resilient community. The Plan is divided into eight action areas and focuses on new actions to be taken every three years to guide government, businesses, and residents towards achieving our emission reduction and climate resiliency goals. Those goals are to: (1) reduce (mitigate) county-wide greenhouse gas emissions 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 (thereby preventing the worst impacts of climate change), and (2) to prepare (adapt) our community for resiliency (ability to thrive despite hardships like extreme weather events) for inevitable climate impacts.

The Office of Sustainability was directed to work with county departments to implement the Plan and provide periodic progress reports. This briefing will update the board on the significant progress that has been made in the first two years of implementing the Plan, including highlights of key County accomplishments to date and the critical role the County plays in protecting the vulnerable populations that it serves from future climate change impacts. County-wide greenhouse gas emissions continue to decrease and emissions from Multnomah County's own operations have decreased significantly since fiscal year 2001; a

tremendous achievement that saves money for critical services in the community and demonstrates our commitment to addressing the threat of climate change.

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

The majority of actions under the Climate Action Plan are implemented through ongoing existing County programs and resources. Many of the actions will result in cost savings to the County. Some actions may require additional funding. The total fiscal impact to the county is anticipated be a cost savings over the long-term, factoring in reduced operational costs and avoided costs of potential public health and other community impacts. Staff from the Office of Sustainability (Program Offer 10034) coordinates the overall implementation of the Climate Action Plan as well as implement a number of specific actions. One time funding was made available in FY12 for a limited duration staff position within the Office of Emergency Management to coordinate the County's climate adaptation planning efforts (Program Offer 10037)

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

The Climate Action Plan aligns with state, national and global goals and policy to prevent climate change through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Multnomah County adopted the 2009 Climate Action Plan through Board Resolution No. 09-133. The 2009 Climate Action Plan builds upon the previously adopted Global Warming Action Plan, adopted by County Board Resolution No. 01-052.

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

The Climate Action Plan was adopted after significant public involvement in 2008 and 2009.

Required Signature

**Elected Official
or Department/
Agency Director:**



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