

Leading Together: Collaborative Climate Planning at the Regional Level (Regency Ballroom I, 9:45am- 11am)

Sacramento Air Quality Management District

- Lost momentum when Sacramento County did not receive CPRG planning grant with but used the opportunity to create a roadmap for implementation
- Interested in considering rules for no new natural gas rules for appliances

Brianna Moland - Bay Area CPRG Barcap

- Planning in Bay Area goes back two decades
- Aligns with state scoping plan for carbon neutrality
- Bay Area also has a Regional Transportation plan
- However regional comprehensive climate action plan is missing piece
- The Bay Area also lacks a governing body such as board of supervisors that has authority over all sectors across jurisdictions

Jeannette Rogers Gibson - Barcap Regional Planning Approach

- Barcap is an opportunity to advance location and work better together as a region to work towards state carbon neutrality goals that cities cannot achieve on their own
- A regional plan is an In between "comprehensive" and "kitchen sink"
- Regional planning is also an opportunity to uplift local successes
- There are many implementers besides the air district
- Environmental justice and equity are at the core to the regional plan and must deliver benefits for frontline communities
- Advisory work group includes key CBOs with connections
- Sector specific technical working groups composed of potential implementers
- Community engagement strategy should include early input and public survey
- Creative and strategic financing models for priority measures are needed and TBD

Victor Briones - Ventura County CPRG Planning

- Regional Planning process is led by County of Ventura
- CPRG timeline is incredibly accelerating so pulling from existing and overlapping efforts have been helpful including the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
- Participants in planning process include Central Coast CJ Network, Green New Deal for Ventura County, local air district, transportation commission, port authority and clean power alliance, and of course environmental justice organizations and CBOs
- Other best practices:
 - Rely on subject matter experts for input on feasibility of sector-specific
 - Model success of and identify standards across jurisdictions
 - Support counties and cities with limited capacity with funding for GHG inventories
 - Share successes

Ryan Wolfe - Los Angeles Regional Planning

- Collaborated with Ventura County and Inland Empire
- Los Angeles geography includes major ports
- Regional plan should take on how to make air quality can be a strength in the region, where currently 80% of air toxic from diesel vehicles

- Requires coordination and specific ask to CARB and state agencies about goods movement
- Transportation planning is overlapping priority across jurisdictions and requires a lot of collaboration and coordination on building decarbonization and transit

Audience Questions

- Cities want to do more, and are regional plans at risk of being watered down?
 - Regional plan attempt to fill gaps for municipalities that don't have plans
 - There is also more potential for more competitive proposals and less competition against each other
- How can counties coordinate goods movement?
 - Engage with the administering agency that has jurisdiction
- Do EPA requirements for implementation funding present a challenge?
 - There are lots of examples of sustainable frameworks and strategies
- Is lobbying from regional entities helpful?
 - Pico Rivera - Climate adaptation plan
 - South Bay cities Los Angeles - energy working group climate action working group