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MEMORANDUM

TO OGWC Members
FROM Angus Duncan, Chair
SUBJECT 2009 Commission Work Plan
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It is not too soon to begin thinking about the Commission's 2009 agenda, work plan and products. Clearly legislative consideration of Commission recommendations from 2008, together with the Commission's expressed views on other State and National climate legislation, will occupy much of our time and attention. But our agenda must be advancing in several other areas if we are to meet our statutory charge. Here is a short, beginning list of my priorities, which I hope we can use to stimulate thinking on the subject between now and the end of this year.

Research: Launch the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (OCCRI) with a research agenda and priorities collectively agreed to by the OUS, OCCRI, State agencies and the OGWC.

Communities/Local Governments: Develop the Commission's relationship with Oregon's county and city governments. Specifically, develop a methodology for disaggregating statewide greenhouse gas reduction goals to county and city jurisdictional levels, along with tools (e.g., transportation/land use/ GHG modeling tool) to assist those jurisdictions in meeting their goals.

Economic Costs and Benefits: Build on initial economic modeling of carbon cap and trade designs to illuminate economic opportunities and risks to Oregon businesses and households from success, or failure, in meeting Oregon's GHG and climate preparation goals. Consider appointing an "economics advisory council" to the Commission.

Natural Resource Agency Climate Preparation Agenda: The Environment/Natural Resources Committee made a good start at identifying needs within Oregon's natural resources. In 2009 this should be translated into agency and private sector initiatives acting on 2008 recommendations.

Land Use and Transportation: Three items here: (1) develop tools for MPO's other than Metro to make use of the GreenSTEP modeling tool; (2) collaborate with LCDDC on OGWC 2008 recommendations that did not get embedded in the Big Look report and ensuing legislation; (3) collaborate with Oregon stakeholders and vehicle manufacturers in facilitating a 2009 EV/PHEV demonstration project.

Public Health: Sponsor a statewide meeting of public health officials, the medical community and other pertinent parties to agree on the agenda, schedule and identification of resources needed for Oregon to be prepared for near-term public health challenges.

Forests/Forestry: Address forest issues including: methodology and value of forest sequestration; GHG effects of increased frequency and intensity of forest fires; land use in fire “plains”.

Carbon Content of Consumer Goods: With DEQ, develop tools for determining the carbon content of consumer goods that enter the stream of commerce, generate additional carbon during transport, sale, use and disposal. Consider implications for producing and procuring goods locally.

Communications and Outreach: Design and deploy the OGWC web site in collaboration with the OCCRI (as technical editor/contributor). Design and conduct a series of community education/feedback series in collaboration with OCCRI and local community sponsors (begin with OUS institutions and community colleges). Evaluate and undertake special projects (e.g., computer simulation “game” for K-12 educational use).