

Priority-setting Language for OGWC (as of 7:00 pm Nov. 16th)

Setting Priorities for Oregon Global Warming Commission

The Oregon Global Warming Commission (OGWC) will focus its recommendations and research efforts using the criteria outlined below. While the criteria helps to prioritize the OGWC's actions, all three strategies and approaches are pursued simultaneously.

1. Aggressively decrease greenhouse gas emissions -- both reductions and removals from the atmosphere -- in order to meet Oregon's greenhouse gas reduction goals. It is recognized that these reductions may not occur immediately, but over time. GHG reductions should begin with the most cost effective solutions broadly defined to include near-term and long-term environmental, social and economic considerations as well as those that have the capacity to decrease in cost as their deployment becomes more widespread.
2. Protect the health and wellbeing of Oregonians and the health and resiliency of Oregon's ecosystems impacted by global warming. This priority includes developing and devising adaptation plans and strategies to prepare for the threats directly posed by global warming.
3. Ensure that Oregon's economy remains vibrant and healthy, and Oregon's key economic sectors have the tools, information and assistance they need to plan for and adapt to a changing climate, be better positioned economically to withstand the negative consequences of global warming and participate in the benefits.

Comment from PGE:

The only question/comment I have is regarding the following statement in number 1: "most cost effective solutions broadly defined".

Does this mean that we're shooting for the biggest bang for the buck in terms of GHGs per dollar reduced? I think it's the "broadly defined" that's throwing me.