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To: Interested Parties

Governor Ted Kulongoski and Secretary of State Bill Bradbury have appointed a Governor's Advisory Group on Global Warming to develop a strategy by September 2004, to reduce Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions. The Advisory Group's goal is to develop a climate change strategy for Oregon that will provide long-term sustainability for the environment, protect public health, consider social equity, create economic opportunity, and expand public awareness. It will recommend its strategy to the Governor via the Sustainability Board.

We are creating several technical subcommittees to assist the Advisory Group. The subcommittees will provide information and develop a range of options for greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the short term and over the long term for the Advisory Group to consider. Most of the work to analyze options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will be done in the subcommittees.

I invite you to participate in the subcommittees. I believe that you can help us frame the technical issues so the Advisory Group can make good recommendations to the Governor via the Sustainability Board.

A list of subcommittees and the chairs from the Departments of Energy, Forestry and Environmental Quality is attached. The chairs of the subcommittees will make up the Technical Committee. They are responsible for coordinating the work of the subcommittees and forwarding options to the Advisory Group.

The first joint meeting of all the technical subcommittees will be February 18, 2004, 1:00 to 4:00 PM, at the Oregon Employment Department Auditorium, 875 Union Street NE, Salem. The first part of the meeting will explain the process and provide a brief overview of the scope of each subcommittee. The subcommittees will then meet briefly to plan future activities.

In addition to recommending an Oregon strategy, the Advisory Group will help meet Governor Kulongoski's joint commitment with the Governors of Washington and California to carry out a West Coast Governors' Global Warming Initiative that builds on our state plan and develops coordinated regional efforts. Enclosed or attached electronically is a copy of the joint statement that announced the regional effort in September 2003. (Governor Schwarzenegger has

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subsequently committed California to continue this effort.) In Oregon, this regional effort follows from “Executive Order EO No. 03-03: A Sustainable Oregon for the 21st Century.” (http://www.oregonsolutions.net/execOrder/sustain_eo.cfm)

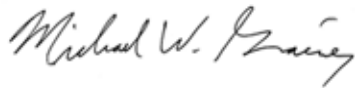
We anticipate that the Advisory Group will meet four times between February and September 2004. The technical subcommittees will meet as often as necessary to provide options to the Advisory Group and to respond to questions raised by the Advisory Group. The subcommittees will meet jointly only at the first meeting on February 18.

Phil Carver, of my office, will chair the overall technical effort. He can be reached at 503-378-6874, 800-221-8035 (in Oregon), or by e-mail at philip.h.carver@state.or.us.

If you wish to participate on a subcommittee, please contact the subcommittee chair, via phone or e-mail, or sign up at the Feb. 18 meeting. You may participate in one or several of the subcommittees. You will only receive materials from the subcommittees that you join. Materials will be e-mailed, so please be sure to provide your e-mail address. If you only wish to receive the draft recommendations from the Advisory Group as it develops its strategy, please notify Phil Carver.

I hope you can participate, even if you cannot come to the February 18th meeting. I also invite you to recommend other experts to participate in the subcommittees and to have them contact the appropriate subcommittee chair.

Sincerely



Michael W. Grainey
Director

Attachments:

- Announcement of the West Coast Governors’ Global Warming Initiative and current accomplishments
- Subcommittee chairs contact list
- The structure of the Oregon effort
- The Summary for Policymakers: A Report of Working Group I of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- An Excel spreadsheet with Oregon’s historical CO₂ emissions