Presentation on Draft BARC Shared Work Plan

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Underlying Premise for BARC Shared Work Plan:

• There is a need for a strong regional role to address climate change

• There is value in strategic coordination among regional agencies to reduce redundancies, avoid conflict, optimize resources, produce better outcomes

• *Not done in a vacuum* – work requires involvement with multitudes, including cities, counties, special districts, community-based organizations, nonprofits, business, academia, and many others
Shared Work Plan Goals

**Identify**
Identify actions that advance high priority shared climate goals in 1-5 years and accelerate **cross-agency alignment**

**Commit**
Commit to devoting appropriate staff time and resources in Fiscal Year 22-23

**Prioritize**
Prioritize social equity, justice, and inclusion across projects

**Develop**
Develop a coordinated technical assistance program to support local action and innovation

**Evaluate**
Evaluate and monitor Initiative progress through appropriate metrics
## Initiatives Evaluation Criteria

### Effectiveness & Impact
- Is it ambitious enough to meet regional goals and the climate emergency?
- Does the initiative support alignment of related activities across multiple agencies to deliver a stronger outcome?
- Is there value-add in this being tackled at the regional level?

### Enthusiasm & Consensus
- How much interest do BARC member agencies demonstrate for this initiative?

### Feasibility & Capacity
- How realistic is it to implement in the next 1-5 years?
- Do the lead and partner agencies have the resources to deliver? If not, can BARC help identify and secure needed resources?

### Positive Equity Outcome
- How does the initiative measurably improve quality of life outcomes for black, indigenous, people of color (BIPOC) and frontline communities, and advance fair and inclusive processes?
Shared Work Plan Initiatives

**Climate Adaptation**
1. Regional Adaption Plan
2. Regional Technical Assistance

**Greenhouse Gas Reduction**
3. Zero Emission Transit Bus Infrastructure

**Exploratory Area**
4. Low-Carbon, High-Equity Neighborhoods
# Climate Adaptation Initiatives

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Initiative 1: Regional Adaptation Plan

Challenge Statement:

The Bay Area faces increasing risks from climate hazards including sea-level rise, coastal and inland flooding, extreme heat, drought, and wildfires. The current lack of standardized and coordinated adaptation approaches across the region creates individualized local actions and disjointed approaches to managing risk. This environment also creates competition for funding and disparate resilience preparedness throughout the Bay, often leaving those most at risk at a further disadvantage.

Goal: Develop a Regional Multi-Hazard Adaptation Plan that creates a standardized regional approach to manage risk and achieve greater resilience across the Bay Area.

Tasks

- Better understand the landscape of authorities and responsibilities between/among regional agencies, and other stakeholders
- Develop engagement strategy for inclusive process
- Submit Grant Application to OPR for Regional Planning – Fall 2022
- Develop Framework for SLR Project Prioritization (BCDC-led)
- Create Inventory/Map of Multi-hazard Risk across Bay Area
- Identify opportunities for legislative advocacy
Initiative 2: Regional Climate Adaptation Technical Assistance

**Challenge Statement:** Local governments have different levels of capacity and resources available to conduct adaptation planning and develop risk management strategies – especially those at the frontlines of risk and most in need of early interventions.

**Goal:** Develop a regional-scale technical assistance program to support local governments in advancing a range of location-specific adaptation planning and project implementation actions to help manage risk and foster more equitable resilience.

**Tasks**

- Outreach/Engagement/Survey to determine needs for technical assistance by local stakeholders
- Outline oversight responsibilities for each hazard (including funding), regulatory environment and general lay-of-the-land; provide analysis and best practices on leadership and coordination issues related to managing risks at the appropriate scale and financing adaptation projects.
- Funding and Investment Framework (led by MTC/ABAG and BCDC)
- Develop clearinghouse of adaptation data, standards and guidance
- Develop easy-to-access technical assistance offerings that reflect range of needs expressed by local jurisdictions, CBO’s, others.
## Greenhouse House Reduction Initiative

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<td>Low-Carbon, High-Equity Neighborhoods</td>
<td>Develop holistic approach across agencies to foster more affordable, healthy, zero-emission neighborhoods. Identify ways to align a range of interrelated agency activities focused on zero-emission affordable housing, electric vehicles, and active transportation</td>
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Challenge Statement: Buses play a critical role in meeting transportation demand and reducing single-passenger trips, especially in lower-income communities of color. Zero-emission buses (ZEBs) further regional efforts to meet GHG reduction goals. Currently, MTC/ABAG and BAAQMD interface with and support the Bay Area’s 27 transit agencies’ ZEB efforts in a piecemeal fashion. To be more competitive for the significant State and Federal funding imminently available for ZEBs and charging infrastructure, MTC/ABAG and BAAQMD require a coordinated regional strategy.

Goal: Accelerate Zero-Emission Transit Bus (ZEB) deployment by supporting coordinated expansion of charging infrastructure and modernized facilities across the region.

Tasks

- Facilitate coordination between BAAQMD and MTC on grantmaking to support ZEB charging infrastructure
- Create overview/diagram of key players in the electric charging infrastructure area
- Explore opportunities for shared transit/municipal charging infrastructure
- Explore/analyze near-term and long-term obstacles around charging infrastructure and power grid w/ utilities, cities, counties, etc.
Initiative 4: Low-Carbon, High-Equity Neighborhoods

**Challenge Statement:** MTC/ABAG and BAAQMD are currently pursuing several separate, yet interrelated activities to decarbonize how Bay Area residents live and commute, including: low-carbon, affordable housing development; electric vehicle charging incentives, trip reduction pilot programs and transit-oriented communities, among others. The siloing of these different efforts can fall short of maximizing and leveraging programs and investments to achieve both low-carbon and high-equity results for people and communities.

**Goal:** Strategically align related agency activities to ensure a holistic, coordinated approach to achieve, affordable, low-carbon neighborhoods.
Next Steps:

• Final Draft to be presented to BARC Governing Board on May 20, 2022
• BARC Draft Budget presented on June 17, 2022
• Further refinement of detailed scope of work, meeting schedule, engagement plan for each Initiative continues through June and July.
AGENDA: 6

Return to Office Planning and Distributed Work Update

Administration Committee Meeting
May 18, 2022

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Outline

• Background & Timeline
• Health Protective Policies
• General Workweek Arrangements
• Return to the Office Environment
Recommended Action

None. Informational only.
Background & Timeline

• March 2020, Air District Work goes remote

• October 2021, Distributed Workforce Policy developed, announced and staff trained

• May 2022, Health Protective Policies under development with completion expected in June 2022

• Summer 2022, Return to the office environment
Health Protective Policies

• Close coordination with MTC/BAHA partner agencies
• Vaccine requirements for staff and on-site contractors
• Vaccine reporting requirements for all staff and on-site contractors
• Face coverings recommended
• Testing requirements after exposure or onset of symptoms
• Air District will provide staff with at-home COVID-19 test kits and PPE supplies
Return to Office Environment

• Continue Monitoring COVID-19 Public Health local/state/federal requirements and adjust as necessary

• Implementation of Return to Office Plan in Summer 2022
  ▪ Implement Health Protective Policies
  ▪ Complete General Workweek Arrangement Schedules
  ▪ Return to the office environment
• Questions / Comments