

Board Work Session

Meeting date: October 1, 2025

Agenda Item #: 4

DRCOG Comprehensive Climate Action

Agenda item type: Discussion

Summary

Staff will provide the Board with an overview of the draft Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), a major deliverable funded through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. The CCAP builds upon the Priority Climate Action Plan submitted in April 2024 and is scheduled for Board consideration and adoption on November 5, 2025.

Background

In April 2023, the DRCOG Board of Directors voted unanimously to authorize DRCOG to serve as the lead agency and grant recipient for the federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Planning Grant. Several months later, in August 2023, the region was formally awarded a \$1 million planning grant to support the development of three major products: a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP), a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), and a follow-up Status Report.

The Priority Climate Action Plan, submitted in April 2024 following Board approval, represented the first milestone in this process. It established a foundation of strategies for emissions reductions in key sectors while also setting the stage for a more robust and comprehensive planning effort. The PCAP emphasized near-term actions and helped build momentum for the Decarbonize DRCOG program, which is already supporting local governments in building decarbonization initiatives.

The Comprehensive Climate Action Plan builds directly on this foundation. Federal requirements specify that the CCAP must address all major greenhouse gas sectors—electricity, transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture and natural lands, and waste—and must also include a region-specific greenhouse gas emissions inventory. Beyond technical analysis, the plan is expected to establish both long-term and near-term emissions reduction goals, analyze strategies and measures for each sector, evaluate workforce and economic impacts, and identify potential funding sources to support implementation.

The draft CCAP reflects more than two years of technical work, consultation, and deliberation. It presents voluntary, interconnected strategies across multiple sectors, prioritizes equity and benefits for vulnerable communities, and focuses on measures that DRCOG is uniquely positioned to advance in collaboration with its 59 member jurisdictions. It also includes supporting analysis on workforce and labor impacts, co-pollutant reductions, and benefits to marginalized communities. The result is a plan that not only meets federal requirements but also reflects regional priorities and a shared vision for a resilient future.

Action by others

None



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Recommendation

None

Attachments

Staff presentation

For more information

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