

AGENDA
Agriculture Sector Working Group
 Tuesday, January 18, 2005, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. PST
Call-in Details:
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 We will consider the portfolio of possible Agriculture projects to identify next steps to move projects forward, and talk about other upcoming Collaborative activities.

9:00 Welcome, Review Agenda (5 minutes)

9:05 Update on the Interim Steering Committee (ISC), EPA Request for Initial Proposal (RFIP), and Briefings for Elected Officials (10 minutes)

Discuss results of recent ISC meetings, the status and timing of the EPA RFIP for diesel emission reduction proposals, and ongoing educational briefings that EPA is having with elected officials.

9:15 Review of Agriculture Sector Project Portfolio (45 minutes)

The portfolio represents real, measurable air quality and human health improvements that could be brought about through reductions in diesel emissions. The portfolio of possible projects can be used by Collaborative members to increase awareness of the Collaborate and generate interest in increasing funding for diesel emissions reduction efforts on the West Coast. We will discuss the status of each project in the Agriculture portfolio and brainstorm what Collaborative members, individually and in partnership, might do to move each project forward. We also will identify any gaps in the Agriculture portfolio and discuss how to fill these gaps. Finally we will briefly review projects from other sectors to identify any cross-sector teaming opportunities.

AGRICULTURE SECTOR PROJECTS DESCRIBED TO DATE		
PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION	LEAD CONTACT
1. Diesel Pump Efficiency	Models a Diesel Pumping Efficiency Program (DPEP) pilot program after the Agriculture Pumping Efficiency Program (APEP) to improve pump efficiency.	Peter Canessa, Cal-State Fresno David Zoldoske, Center for Irrigation Technology
2. Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley Pump Efficiency	Encourages pumpers to participate in the tariff incentive program to convert from diesel to electric pumps at a minimum state-wide average efficiency.	Peter Canessa, Cal-State Fresno David Zoldoske, Center for Irrigation Technology
3. Biodiesel Web Manual	Creates a website to educate federal agencies on the use and technical specifications of biodiesel.	Barbara Lither, U.S. EPA Region 10
4. Biodiesel Research	Researches biodiesel production technologies to reduce costs, remove nitrogen compounds, and work with ethanol rather than methanol.	Olaf Hansen, U.S. EPA Region 9

Action items:

- Next steps for individual projects
- Actions to fill gaps in the project portfolio

10:00 Upcoming March Collaborative-Wide Public Workshop (15 minutes)

We are planning a Collaborative-wide public workshop in March, and would like ideas about what Collaborative members would most like to talk about. Some possibilities that have already been suggested include: meetings of project-groups to discuss/further project implementation, discussion of marketing and public outreach techniques and strategies, discussion of the longer-term goals of the Collaborative, project success stories, cross-sector project synergies, and funding opportunities and approaches. In addition to the Collaborative-wide public workshop, some collaborative members have discussed the possibility of a separate (non-EPA sponsored) meeting focused on increasing funding for diesel emissions reduction projects.

10:15 Other Updates, Progress Reports, and Announcements (10 minutes)

- Updates on ongoing projects
- Announcements of upcoming conferences or funding opportunities
- Other updates?

10:25 Wrap up and Next Steps (5 minutes)

10:30 Adjourn