

AGENDA

Interim Steering Committee

Monday, March 9, 2005, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Pacific

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This meeting is to take stock of recent Collaborative activities and progress, agree upon upcoming Collaborative activities and areas of emphasis, and begin to consider the potential for alternative leadership and administrative structures for the Collaborative.

10:00 Welcome, Review Agenda (5 minutes)

10:05 Progress and Status Reports (20 minutes)

- Debrief on March Workshop
- Website revisions and progress, especially new information on resources
- Status of EPA RFIP
- Status of federal, state and local budget updates
- Status of ad hoc education and resources committee efforts
- Other?

10:25 Envisioning Upcoming Collaborative Activities (20 minutes)

Potential elements of a vision for upcoming Collaborative activities might include:

- Host one-hour sector workgroup meetings every other month focused on information exchange (grants and conferences and public agency initiatives) and coordination of regional projects
- Create a cleaner fuels sector workgroup to include bio-diesel, natural gas, ultra low sulfur diesel, etc.
- Initiate one or two large-scale Public Workshops each year (alternating NW and SW)
- Initiate multiple small scale “funding forums” for Collaborative partners to educate local decision makers (MTCs/MPOs/COGs) on the impacts of diesel and how to apply for/better utilize existing federal resources
- Fund an annual EPA Region 9 and Region 10 RFIP for regional diesel emissions reductions projects and advertise EPA HQ’s annual RFIPs for Clean School USA, Smartway and Diesel Retrofit programs
- Possibly fund and/or advertise other federal RFIPs
- Conduct periodic press events to highlight successes along the West Coast and the need for ongoing efforts
- Continue to develop website and other outreach materials.
- Federal agencies will continue their efforts to try to secure additional funds for diesel projects in the President’s Budget and individual agency budgets.
- Non-federal government members will work with the ad hoc education resources committee to host outreach activities
- Other?

Action item: Revise the above list of Collaborative activities to report out to the Sector Workgroups

10:45 Consider Potential Alternative Structures for the Collaborative (35 minutes)

The attached briefing paper describes and analyzes potential alternative permanent structures for the Collaborative.

Action item: Identify the organizational functions that are necessary, the options that should be considered, and directions for future research and information gathering to inform ISC discussions of alternative Collaborative structures.

11:20 Announcements and Wrap up (10 minutes)

11:30 Adjourn