Climate Change Strategy Status

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Purpose

- Board direction in May to draft a strategy
- Propose plan for developing a strategy (identify issues, example goals and actions, timeline for next steps)
- Gather your input



Developing the Strategy

- 1. Scope the issues and goals
- 2. Draft specific actions to achieve goals
- 3. Set short, mid, and long-term targets
- 4. Outreach for public input
- 5. Identify partnering assistance from others
- 6. Draft Strategy for Board consideration in 2016



Scope of Issues

- A. Protection and Restoration of Watersheds
 - 1. Floodplains and wetlands outside of Tahoe/Truckee
 - 2. Critical recharge areas, LID requirements, and storm water capture (from developed areas)
 - 3. Monitoring and assessment (including inventory)
- B. Management of Resources and Facilities Identify infrastructure vulnerabilities
 - 1. Vital infrastructure upgrades
 - 2. Water recycling at POTWs, etc
 - 3. Partnerships with other agencies

Example Goals

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Example Goals and Actions

Enhance Basin Plan

By 2018 - inventory floodplains, wetlands, and critical recharge areas

By 2020 - draft protection and restoration policy (may include expanded prohibitions)

By 2025 - adopt Basin Plan amendments

Require LID for development projects

By 2017- add LID requirements in all general construction permits

Example Goals and Actions

Upgrade POTW infrastructure

By 2020 – establish time schedule for at-risk POTWs to upgrade By 2025 – ensure half of at-risk POTWs have completed upgrades By 2035 – ensure all at-risk POTWs have completed upgrades

Expand water recycling

- By 2020 identify feasibility of POTWs to recycle water and require plan where not in place by 2022
- By 2025 POTWs complete projects to actively recycle waste water
- By 2030 ensure POTWs have increased water recycling by at least 25 percent compare to volumes from 2020

Adopt partnership agreements

By 2018 – establish a partnership agreement with OEHHA and DFW to address mercury impairments and harmful algal blooms By 2020 – issue WDR to USFS to streamline restoration of forests, wetlands, floodplains, and critical recharge areas

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Next Steps

- Summer 2015 Identify issues, goals, actions
- Fall 2015 Internal planning
- Fall/Winter– Outreach to stakeholders
- Mid 2016 Draft strategy for Board input



Questions?