

Climate Action Team Public Health Work Group: Priorities for 2010

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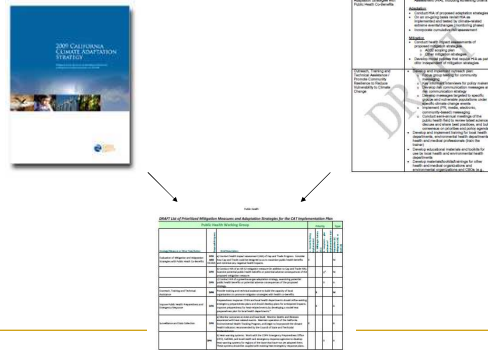
Background

- Each CAT workgroup asked by CalEPA to submit prioritized activities for 2010
- Need to address mitigation and adaptation
- Once priorities established, need to develop more detailed implementation plans

Background

- Began with Workgroup's July '09 work plan and Public Health chapter of 2009 Climate Adaptation Strategy
- What can workgroup realistically accomplish between now and end of year, given:
 - Staff limitations
 - \$ limitations
 - Short timeframe

Documents



Proposed Strategy Priorities

- Evaluation of strategies with public health co-benefits
- Outreach, training, and technical assistance
- Public health preparedness and emergency response
- Surveillance and data collection
- Promote community resilience
- Research and program evaluation

http://www.climatechange.ca.gov/climate_action_team/meetings/2010-03-11_meeting/2010-03-11_CAT_Strategy_Listings.pdf

Discussion

- Work Group Priorities
 - Are these appropriate priorities from larger work plan?
 - Suggestions for HIA topics?
 - Agree with heat focus?
 - Specific TA / training needs?
 - Anything we've missed?
- More detail for each priority
 - Specific tasks and deliverables?
 - Who should be involved?
 - Timeline?

Evaluation of Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies with Public Health Co-Benefits

- Ongoing Cap and Trade HIA
- Additional HIA of AB 32 mitigation measure (contingent on resources)
- HIA of adaptation strategy (long-term)

Outreach, Training and Technical Assistance

- Increase local capacity to promote strategies with health co-benefits, e.g.,
 - May 2010 CCLHO semi-annual conference
 - MPO/LHD Modeling trainings

Improve Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response

- Improve preparedness for heat-related events (climate change perspective)
 - Model heat preparedness plan for LHDs
 - Integrate resilience/adaptation

Surveillance and Data Collection

- Monitor heat-related deaths and illnesses
- Begin to incorporate CSTE climate health indicators
- Heat warning systems (long-term)
- Surveillance systems to evaluate impacts of AB 32 mitigation measures, including disparate impacts on vulnerable communities (long-term)

Promote Community Resilience to Reduce Vulnerability to Climate Change

- Materials to help promote active community engagement in extreme heat adaptation and response
- HIA Guide

Research and Program Evaluation

- Vulnerability assessments
 - CEC
- Public Health research agenda (long-term)

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