

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM Biodiversity Working Group

Near-Term Implementation Plan Strategy #3 - Education and Outreach

CAT Working Group Overview: The Biodiversity working group provides a forum among state agencies to guide adaptation and integration efforts within the Biodiversity sector. Specifically, the working group provides a forum within the CAT to focus on integration and implementation of biodiversity adaptation strategies with a focus on cross sector issues, increasing cooperation, and minimizing conflicts during adaptation strategy implementation. The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is the lead on this group. The DFG has established an on-going process to address climate change adaptation for biodiversity through an engaged and active group of stakeholders that can serve as a resource to the CAT if appropriate.

Working Group Agencies: Department of Fish and Game (lead), Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of Public Health, Department of Transportation, Department of Water Resources, Energy Commission, State Coastal Conservancy, and State Parks.

Measure / Strategy: Education and Outreach

- A. Description: Education and outreach is essential to foster greater understanding of the effect of climate change on biodiversity and build support for adaptation and mitigation strategies. Near-term actions include public outreach efforts and environmental education in the state's classrooms.
- B. Agencies Involved: Department of Fish and Game, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of Water Resources, Energy Commission, and State Parks.
- C. Scoping Plan/Adaptation Plan Reference: CAS Biodiversity Strategy 5
- D. Metrics: One of DFG's climate change stakeholder workgroups is focusing on outreach and will have a product by the end of 2010.
- E. Crosscutting Issues: Crafting climate change messages for education and outreach is a challenge that affects all sectors. Currently several sectors are pursuing outreach efforts for their individual sector needs however, these efforts might benefit from closer collaboration and communication in order to support and learn from each other.
- F. Tasks and Deliverables: DFG Outreach product by the end of 2010

Task 1: Create an outreach product

- 1) Description: Convene stakeholders to produce a climate change outreach product specific to biodiversity
- 2) Deliverables: An outreach product will be completed by the end of 2010
- 3) Agency Role: DFG is lead but all partners are involved through the stakeholder process.
- 4) Timeline: Outreach product to be completed by end of 2010

Summary Table

<u>Deliverable</u>	<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Stakeholder Outreach workgroup product	DFG (lead) all partners involved	Product by end of 2010