

# CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

## Research Working Group

### Near-Term Implementation Plan for Vulnerability and Adaptation Study

**Working Group Overview:** The Research Working Group is a forum for communication and collaboration among agencies that perform or sponsor climate change research, and between agencies and the public.

**Working Group Agencies:** ARB, SFBCDC, Cal/EPA, CalRecycle, CDFA, Coastal Commission, Conservation, CPUC, DFG, Caltrans, CEC, CAL FIRE, OEHHA, CDPH, OPR, Parks, Resources, Coastal Conservancy, DWR, SWRCB

#### Vulnerability and Adaptation Study

- A) Description: The 2009 California Adaptation Strategy requires the preparation of a vulnerability study led by the Energy Commission's Public Interest Program (PIER) in coordination with all the relevant state/regional/local agencies. The overall approach for the proposed study is a combination of local/regional case studies with state-wide vulnerability assessments for selected sectors of the economy using, as a starting point, the studies already conducted for the 2009 Assessment. In some cases, the study will strive to identify barriers to adaptation including regulatory, legal, cultural, financial, and other barriers to the successful implementation of adaptation measures.
- B) Agencies Represented: All, led by CEC.
- C) Measure/strategy numbers: CAS 4b
- D) Metrics:

#### Task 1: Creation of a Steering Committee and preparation of the Scope of Work

Purpose: The purpose of this task is to prepare a Scope of Work for the overall vulnerability and adaptation study in cooperation with other state and regional agencies that form the Steering Committee for this study.

- a. Description: A steering committee will advise on the overall study strategy and comment on the overall study design.
- b. Deliverables: Scope of Work
- c. Agency roles: Technical staff representing different agencies in the steering committee will provide input on all aspects of the study that includes the review of draft reports/papers.
- d. Timeline: Done.
- e. Crosscutting Issues:

#### Task 2: Engagement During the Execution of the Vulnerability and Adaptation Study

Purpose: The purpose of this task is to fully engage the Steering Committee with the research groups involved to help ensure the policy relevance of the overall study.

- a. Description: The Steering Committee will participate in meetings and conference calls organized to coordinate research activities and review draft documents.
- b. Deliverables: Attendance to meetings/conference calls. Submissions of written comments is optional
- c. Agency roles: All, with CEC Lead
- d. Timeline: About one meeting/conference call per quarter
- e. Crosscutting Issues:

**Task 3: Draft and Final report**

Purpose: To document the approximate datelines for the draft and final reports/papers that will be prepared under the vulnerability study.

- a. Description: The Energy Commission’s Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Program has commissioned the preparation of several scientific papers that together will constitute the final report for the vulnerability and adaptation study.
- b. Deliverables: Several PIER papers
- c. Agency roles: All, with CEC Lead (review of draft papers)
- d. Timeline: Draft papers (June 2011), Final papers (November 2011)
- e. Crosscutting Issues:

**Summary Table:**

<u>Deliverable</u>	<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Scope of Work	CEC	done
Meetings/conference calls	All	TBD
Draft Report	All	June 2011
Final Report	All	November 2011