

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Kickoff Meeting Transcripts

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[Danilo Dragoni] Hey, so again, welcome everyone to the first kickoff meeting of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) for the state of Nevada. This webinar is organized by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and the Governor's Office of Energy. Our two agencies are very excited about this grant opportunity for Nevada, as we unlock almost \$4.6 billion in federal grants starting 2024.

Before we start talking about CPRG, I would like to introduce the team that has been working on the CPRG for the state of Nevada. For NDEP, we have Andrew Tucker, supervisor over the Air Quality Planning Branch, Steven McNeese and Taylor Pavlu with the Greenhouse Gas Emission and Mobile Source Branch. If you wanted to know a little bit more about what they do, what we do, what NDEP does, please visit ndep.nv.gov. Now we'll let Nicole Kelleher from the Governor's Office of Energy, introduce herself and talk a little bit about the GOE is doing.

[Nicole Kelleher] Alright, awesome. Thank you. Like Danilo said, my name is Nicole Kelleher and I'm an energy program manager with the Governor's Office of Energy. One of the items in my portfolio is climate with the greenhouse gas reduction, so we're excited to be partnered and collaborating with that on the CPRG grants.

[Danilo Dragoni] Thanks Nicole and without further ado, please let's start the presentation.

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[Andrew Tucker] My name's Andrew Tucker. I am the Planning supervisor giving this presentation. The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, which is also referred to as CPRG, is an Environmental Protection Agency grant program that provides resources to states, large municipalities, territories, and tribes to develop and implement plans to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases and other harmful pollutants. The CPRG is funded through the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act and is split into a planning grant phase and then implementation grant phase. Additional information about the CPRG is available on EPA's website.

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A bit more about what the planning grant phase is. During the planning grant phase, each state was eligible to apply for \$3 million worth of funding. And as the lead

agency for Nevada, NDEP has applied for and received the full \$3 million. The funding goes towards the development of three deliverables. These include a Priority Climate Action Plan or PCAP for short, which is due by March 1st, 2024. A Comprehensive Climate Action Plan or CCAP for short, which is due summer of 2025 and a status report that is due in 2027.

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The purpose of these plans is to identify potential programs to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and other co-pollutants or to sequester greenhouse gases. These programs could be implemented by Nevada or local or tribal governments within Nevada. In addition to the state grants, large metropolitan areas, territories, and tribal areas had the opportunity to apply for grants through the CPRG. Within Nevada, Las Vegas metropolitan area is expected to receive a \$1,000,000 award, with their lead agency being Clark County Department of Environment and Sustainability. Additional grant funding was set aside for tribal nations, and those were done through competitive grants. We don't have a whole lot of information on grants awarded for those yet.

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Throughout the planning phase, NDEP will be conducting meaningful public engagement and outreach with all interested parties and make efforts to make meetings accessible, particularly low income and disadvantaged communities. The second phase of the CPRG is the implementation phase. The second phase is still being worked on by the U.S EPA. It is our understanding that the implementation grants will be competitively awarded from a pool of \$4.6 billion to find eligible implementation projects. The opportunity to apply for implementation funding is expected to be available to states, municipalities and tribal nations and their collaborating partners. Which would typically be other governmental agencies, not necessarily the same level; states with counties or cities, stuff like that. Those collaborating partners are those who are participating in the development of these climate action plans. These collaborating partners are expected to be eligible to apply directly for implementation grants if they participate in the planning grant phase and those funds are potentially available even if they're not the lead agency.

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If they're one of the partner agencies, they will potentially be eligible to apply for the implementation grants. The projects that can be funded must be included in a PCAP. Whether you are in Nevada's PCAP or if they're working with Clark County under the

municipal award that was received, the project would have to be included in under one of those PCAPs. One thing that EPA has made clear is that the implementation grant applications would be due by April 1st, 2024, just a month after the PCAP due date. Pretty tight timelines.

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NDEP, as you see is the lead agency for the CPRG award in Nevada and we've been working with the Governor's Office of Energy to start working on the CPRG. We've identified a number of other state and local agencies and other organizations that we expect might be interested in collaborating and coordinating. Possibly coordinating entities might be Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles, Nevada Department of Transportation, some of the county air quality agencies; Clark County Department of Environment and Sustainability and the Washoe County Health District. Other sort of, not necessarily governmental agencies, but potentially universities, public utilities commission, organizations like those.

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Over the next six months, NDEP will focus efforts on meeting the March 1st deadline for the Priority Climate Action Plan. The PCAP will include near term high-priority and implementation-ready measures to reduce GHG pollution, putting together greenhouse gas inventories, doing analyses on impacts of emissions reductions, and quantifying those impacts on environment, health benefits, as well as looking at some of the economic impact, including how these types of programs might impact workforce within Nevada. The development of the CCAP, which is the second part of the planning phase, will build on what was done in the PCAP and includes translating and identifying additional climate pollution reduction measures and possibly doing refinement and expansion on some of the kind of analysis that were done for the PCAP. The last kind of deliverable that's required for the CPRG is a status report. It's an update on the potential implementation of some of these programs within the state. Whether they be funded through implementation grants or put into effect by other means.

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Some of the benefits that we will see, and the work products, are expected to be that we'll have a better understanding of greenhouse gas emissions within the state and have better projections for greenhouse gases for future years, have increased climate resilience and reductions of greenhouse gas emissions over time, improved air quality and other co-benefits especially in low income and disadvantaged

communities. Creation of high-quality jobs, enhanced engagement with the public. Building those relationships between NDEP and some of the communities that may not have been as involved in previous projects, and lastly, public awareness around projects NDEP is working on.

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NDEP, the Governor's Office of Energy, and other partnering state, local, tribal, government agencies will collaborate and coordinate stakeholder meetings across the state and they will be held through in person or online meetings.

Including meetings that are held in these low income and disadvantaged communities. Additional information about CPRG in Nevada and outreach and engagement events will be posted on NDEPs CPRG webpage, which we will have a link to here later in the presentation. As new information comes out, we'll be posting there and through different meetings, trying to get the word out.

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As you can see here, we have a table that shows a rough outline of our anticipated outreach events, but this kind of timeline and outreach strategy is going to evolve over time because we are requesting comment and feedback on how we can improve it with suggestions on different aspects of how we can best engage with all different communities in Nevada. During the development of the PCAP, we are trying to have roughly monthly meetings through different areas of the state. Whether it's Northern Nevada or Southern Nevada, or in some more rural areas in the state. During the CCAP, because of the little bit longer timeline, we'll have a little bit more spaced-out feedback and outreach and engagement. Meetings maybe every two months or so, and then a different period for the status report. There will be approximately four of these for what we're planning for and then before finalizing each of the three different deliverables, the PCAP, CCAP and Status Report, we plan to have a final public comment period for people about final feedback, once we have a better idea of what's actually going into those first deliverables.

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For more information about what NDEP and Nevada's doing for the CPRG, you can visit NDEPs CPRG web page there at the top. We have also put together the listserv where people can sign up to get email notifications as we kind of have new information put out there that sent out to people. I would like to reiterate that going forward this will be kind of the main way that we will be sending emails out, so if you received notice about this through email and you continue wanting to hear about

the CPRG, you'll want to sign up for that and it can do so by sending an email to the email address that's listed there on the page or at the bottom of our CPRG web page, there's instructions on how you can sign up through the website. Additionally, for if you have questions or comments or want to provide feedback, we've set up a dedicated email address which is ndep.cprg@ndep.nv.gov.

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You can send comments or questions there, and it's monitored by three different people, it's really the best way to get a hold of us. Lastly, we have some questions to help provide thoughts and see how we can give you guys an idea of what sort of feedback might be helpful. This isn't necessarily limited to what is helpful, but I can give you an idea of suggestions to improve our approach. What is meaningful engagement to you and your community or your organization? Are there certain days that work best for you or your community? Should we coordinate or are there certain people within your community that you think we should be coordinating with or organizations that you think we should be reaching out to. We'd like to hear back about that. What kind of priorities that you, your community, or your organization have as far as reducing emissions of air pollutants from greenhouse gases?

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With that, we conclude the presentation portion, and we'll proceed to the question-and-answer session. I would like to note that we'll be limiting questions to things related to the presentation or CPRG in Nevada. We will focus questions related to those. Before we get into that, I'll pass things over to Steven to just go over a couple of housekeeping items before we go on to questions.

[Steven McNeece] OK. And I'll just note too, it doesn't look like we have any questions yet in the chat box, but it's not too late if you guys want to add anything. Not you folks in the in the room, but the folks on online, if you want to add anything into the chat box, go ahead and do that now and then we can start addressing those.

[Andrew Tucker] Want to talk about raising hands for people online?

[Steven McNeece] Sure. Once we get through the chat box will also open up the lines online and for the phones as well. Folks participating through the Teams application can click the raise hand function to be placed in the queue. We will call on each participant in the order that they raise their hand. Please, unmute yourself and ask your question at that time when we call on you. For folks who are calling in you can

raise your hand by pressing *5 when it's your turn, we will call on the last four digits of your phone number. At that time, please unmute yourself by pressing *6 and ask your question. When asking a question, please state your name and affiliation. Additionally, please make sure that you are muted once you're done asking your question, or if you're not asking a question. And we can go back to the Q&A chat box from there.

[Taylor Pavlu] and I allowed them..

[Steven McNeece] Perfect. OK..

[Danilo Dragoni] And maybe for the people in the room they can ask questions.

[Steven McNeece] They can't ask questions, I'm just kidding.

[Danilo Dragoni] And people in your rooms cannot ask questions. No. Yeah. Please guys can raise your physical hand.

[Steven McNeece] Sorry folks, I'm used to like online life now, so I forgot that you can raise your hand in real time.

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[Kyle Davidson] I have clarifying question for you.

[Danilo Dragoni] Sure. No, just do you do you mind, Kyle? The name so that..

[Kyle Davidson] And I'm talking to here, right, so everybody can hear me?

[Danilo Dragoni] Yes.

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[Kyle Davidson] My name's Kyle Davidson with Pinyon Public Affairs. The PCAP, you mentioned you're a month between that that plan being submitted and then the deadline to submit applications for the competitive portion of this. - I mean, does the federal government have to approve our plan before you can apply, or do you get to apply while they're still reviewing the plan?

[Andrew Tucker] That's a good question, and I don't know that we necessarily 100% know that answer, but given the short timeline, I would assume that as long as it's included in the plan we'd be able to apply for it. But the approval of it would probably be contingent on those measures being approvable I guess in EPA's - [Kyle Davidson] - actually reducing greenhouse gases?

[Andrew Tucker] Yes.

[Kyle Davison] OK, no that makes sense because yeah, that's just not enough time for them to review all the plans.

[Andrew Tucker] Do we have any questions in chat?

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[Taylor Pavlu] So first question in the chat from Ben Bryce.

In regard to Slide 5, leading and coordinating entities, are we to understand that NDEP is planning to collaborate with eligible entities that didn't receive CPRG planning funds to allow them to apply for implementation grant funds? If yes, on slide 5, do you expect to develop more potential collaborating entities to flush out the unknown entities?

[Andrew Tucker] Yes. Some entities that join as coordinating entities on the development of the PCAP would potentially be able to apply for the implementation grant funding and to clarify that the list here on the slide are not necessarily ones - These are kind potential partners that we've identified - We are still working to kind of develop who is interested and who wants to participate. Other than the Governor's Office of Energy, we haven't formally established anybody as being coordinating entity. We obviously have some ideas of who we think is likely to want to do that. But if you or your agency, or you know whatever kind of governmental organization you work for, wants to be part of the coordinating entities. We encourage you to reach out to us so we can compile a list of who's interested in participating.

[Taylor Pavlu] Want to pull someone from the hand raise?

[Steven McNeece] So we have a hand raise down in the Red Rock conference room.

You guys down there, please go ahead and unmute yourself and ask your question please and just a quick reminder to state your name and your affiliation.

[Minja Yang] Can you guys hear me?

[Everyone] Yes, yes.

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[Minja Yang] Hi. This is Minja Yang, representing AIA American Institute of Architects which buildings contribute about 40% of the carbon emission in the world. For this grant is there any particular sector that you would like to prioritize on such as buildings or transportation or industries? And my second question will be for if non-government entities, such as AIA that is a 501c6, are they eligible to be part of the coordinated entities?

[Andrew Tucker] I would say that we are open at this point to all different types of measures, whether they be efficiency measures or direct commissions reduction measures, different adoption of different technologies, stuff like that, we're open to all of those. As we compile these lists of possible measures, taking feedback from all various stakeholders to identify some of these priorities.. Sorry, what's the second question?

[Taylor Pavlu] Industry..

[Andrew Tucker] And industry, we'll eventually have industry as coordinating partners. I don't know that there's necessarily going be funding available for private industry or not. That's something that I'm going to have to wait and see what all gets put into EPA's implementation grants for this. Not sure if that is a possibility at this point.

[Minja Yang] Thank you.

[Andrew Tucker] Yeah.

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[Kendal Scott] Kendal Scott, with Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation for the record. I'm wondering in terms of submitting input for priorities, are there resources communities can use to identify what their options are? What priorities or research

they can do on those priorities? Or is there any type of like draft plan at this point or is this like pre-draft plan? I'm open to anything.

[Andrew Tucker] Yeah. So, at this point this is kind of pre-draft plan.

[Kendal Scott] OK.

[Andrew Tucker] You know there's more likely to be resources of different greenhouse gas reduction methods out there, but as we kind of compile initial list of plans and policies, we will make that available to the public and provide it. So, they can kind of see what we're thinking about, at the different points throughout the process and take feedback about that.

You know, one of the places that we potentially look for some of the possible programs and policies is identify some of those in our Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory that we do annually, and then maybe some other resources through EPA and other organizations like that.

[Danilo Dragoni] For example. Also, looking at the local governments like the City of Reno, they developed their sustainability plan they published it very recently. The county issued their - Sorry, I think that I'm confusing the title but City of Reno released their sustainability plan and Clark County released their Action Plan for climate sustainability very recently as well. That will be another starting point in terms of consulting or ideas.

[Kendal Scott] Thank you.

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[Taylor Pavlu] Next question from the chat box is from Lila and it says, does NDEP already have tactics or policies identified to reduce pollution? How will NDEP develop new pollution production policies for the PCAP?

[Andrew Tucker] NDEP does have different objectives and policies identified in our Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory. You know, those aren't necessarily at the level of implementation. And as far as how we might develop new policies and stuff, that'll be through research into it. What other kind of strategies are being adopted in

different places, but also taking feedback from the public and stakeholders. Basically, any sources of input on these that we will be looking to identify these.

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[Steven McNeece] Amanda Moss, we see your hand is up.

So, you can go ahead and unmute yourself and ask your question.

[Amanda Moss] Hi, thank you. Good afternoon. Can you hear me OK?

[Everyone] Yes, we can.

[Amanda Moss] Awesome. Thank you. Amanda Moss, senior director of government affairs with the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association for the record. Kind of a question piggy backing off others but also a statement as it relates to the Priority Climate Action Plan. We worked pretty extensively on previous iterations on the GHG emissions reduction reports from your guys' office, as well as the Clark County All in Sustainability Plan, making sure that density and transit-oriented development and things along the line of land use and planning are part of the overall conversations is obviously how do you reduce urban heat island effect? How do you sustainably use our land and our water resources? You know, we look a lot to our overall land use plan at the local levels at as part of the way to really move the needle in a cost-effective way also addressing our housing affordability crisis. I wasn't sure if now is an appropriate time. We have a number of studies and analysis that have been done at the local level, showing just how significantly addressing land use could reduce GHG emissions. And I didn't know when the appropriate time to engage as a stakeholder. Obviously, understanding we're not submitting for any grants or really aren't interested in necessarily that piece of it, but really kind of working more on the overall plan and the priorities of strategies.

[Andrew Tucker] Yeah, we'll be taking feedback and this type of information is very helpful and I guess probably providing it earlier on in the process does have some benefits in that. Something that we can kind of get into the list of potential measures that you know may end up going into the PCAP towards the start of things and we can get feedback from public and different organizations. So earlier on is probably better, but I don't know with these studies, I don't know if it's information that you can provide through an email or if it's something that might be better to set up a different conversation, we could potentially. If you want to reach out to us through the NDEP CPRG email. You know if conversation or something like that it might be

more helpful, we potentially something set something up to discuss that.

[Amanda Moss] Thank you. Yeah, we'll make sure that we circulate some of those studies via that email address that is provided. Thanks for the opportunity.

[Andrew Tucker] Thank you.

[Danilo Dragoni] And if I may add something, this is Danilo Dragoni.

Amanda, you actually rightfully mentioned the All-In Sustainability Plan from Clark County and in our presentation, we mentioned that the Las Vegas metropolitan area received \$1,000,000 to develop the same plans but from more local perspective and Clark County is leading the preparation of this plan. There is a lot of synergetic efforts going on and of course we are in communication and we're going to work very tightly with Clark County as well as they develop their own plan as well. So here is another opportunity to present kind of the same information that you might present to us as well as to Clark County. A lot of has to be said about several organizational basically trying to prepare you know different but at the same time similar plans for Nevada. Thanks.

[Taylor Pavlu] Next person. Yes.

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[Matt McDaniel] Matt McDaniel the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. I'm the Public Information officer at the department. My duties would probably revolve around making sure that there is good community engagement and engagement between stakeholders, and so that's where most of my involvement will be and I just want to make sure maybe less of a question and more just a focus that as we start to get further along and these PCAP and CCAP as well that we are kind of coordinating with the identified coordinating agencies to work together to have you know similar messaging especially in social media and things like that. And then also I really want to make sure that we incorporate some local like on the ground community groups. I think we did a really good job as NDEP when we were garnering support for Clean Cars Nevada. I thought that initiative did a really good job about getting maybe smaller groups or interested groups that were, you know, these NGOs that can help us kind of share that message a little better.

So I just want to make sure that we've identified a lot of these municipalities, but definitely as we get that microcosm, that very small look at some groups that are interested in sustainability, Moms Clean Air Force, things like that that we're communicating and letting me know just so that we can you know we can share messaging on social media. If we can have them encourage their members to attend these meetings and I think that's going to really get that community engagement up. I just want to make sure that that comes out of this meeting that you know that we're bringing them onto the conversation together.

[Taylor Pavlu] Great questions and comments. OK. Next one from the chat is from Jermareon. I am sorry if I'm saying anyone's name wrong. Are there any existing conservation plans the state plans to use as a base for the current planning grant and upcoming implementation grant application?

[Danilo Dragoni] Good question. At NDEP level, I'm not aware of any, besides those that we might have been identified and discuss in our greenhouse gas emissions inventory report. That's more like an information tool. Maybe this might be a question that might also be addressed by other entities, like Clark County as I mentioned. That's a good question. I don't know if we have any current plans at NDEP.

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[Steven McNeece] We have someone raising their hands in the Red Rock room again, so we'll throw it back to you guys in Red Rock. Whenever you're ready. Go ahead and unmute yourselves.

[Mercedes McKinley] Hi there. Can you hear me?

[Danilo Dragoni] Yes, we can.

[Mercedes McKinley] Fantastic. Thank you. My name is Mercedes McKinley and I'm here in Las Vegas with Moms Clean Air Force and our Latino engagement program called Echo Madres. And since air is our passion; I have two quick questions and one is if any specific amount of this money is designated specifically for air monitoring. I'm just curious about that. And then just to piggyback on one of the questions that was made earlier. I did hear that none of this funding is designated for private

entities. But I imagine that's around business, but I wanted to get clarification. Does that include nonprofits as well? And the reason I ask is that I'm specifically working with a community of minimum McDermott, Northern Nevada that is in the pathway of the new lithium mine. And they're going to be exposed to from sulfuric acid, potentially. And that's not monitored by any of the regular air monitors are available today. And so I got really excited when I saw this opportunity.

But I'm wondering so a) is there money aside or a certain amount just for your monitoring? And b) does it have to be tribal government that applies for this, or can it be a community group? Because I'm working with a community group, not tribal government. Please and thank you.

[Andrew Tucker] In the CPRG there is not really funding specifically for air monitoring, but I believe under the Inflationary Reduction Act that there was additional funding for monitoring related programs, but what exactly the details of that are, I'm not terribly familiar with those. And then as far as whether community-based organizations may or may not be eligible for it, we don't know what EPA's full implementation grant program is going to look like. I haven't heard anything that would indicate that these types of organizations would be eligible, but I guess we don't really know for sure.

And you know, if you want to reach out to us, maybe to the email.

So we can get your contact information. We could reach out to EPA and see if they can provide any additional information and get back to you on that.

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[Mercedes McKinley] Thank you. I really appreciate it. And you know, also just for the record, if the purpose is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, I really think you guys should consider monitoring on a larger scale since the American Lung Association's report marked the Las Vegas metropolitan areas, the 15th worst out of 227 metropolitan communities. I really think you know it's just something we should consider moving forward if we're going to reduce it, you know, to have a really good handle on what's out there and what we're breathing. Thank you so much for your time. I appreciate it.

[Andrew Tucker] Thank you.

[Taylor Pavlu] Next person?

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[Unknown speaker in person] I'm just wondering how you anticipate the planning process and all of that to influence your implementation grants when those are due? Is that going to be a huge portion of what you hear from stakeholders and other groups in that planning process? Is that really going to be demonstrated in the implementation or do you have different plans for that?

[Andrew Tucker] That's a good question.

I mean, at this point we don't know what all is going to be in there and probably as things get closer, we may have a better idea of what kind of projects we may want to submit in the implementation application for implementation for. You know, I think at this point it's probably too early to know exactly what.

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[Taylor Pavlu] Melissa in the chat is asking what kind of methods is NDEP considering to measure or calculate total carbon action reduction based on the plan.

What kind of methods to measure or calculate total carbon pollution reduction?

[Andrew Tucker] Basically we would be looking at kind of the best available information as far as emissions from whatever source category we would be looking at and trying to look at the kind of lifetime emissions of that type of source and what kind of reductions in any given program or policy might have as far as reducing those emissions. And to the extent that we can kind of looking at the whole picture. Obviously, you know if you're switching over to like say an electric vehicle or something like that, there's going to be emissions associated with the energy that's generated that powers that electrical vehicle. In this kind of example, we would try to be looking at you know, the emissions for generating that power and how much difference there would be from having say that vehicle be gasoline or diesel or whatever the program might be kind of using as the means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

[Danilo Dragoni] This is Danilo, also just to mention that EPA is requesting us to develop a quality assurance protocol. We're working on these with EPA it will need to be informed with all the methodologies and techniques that we're going to use to assess greenhouse gas emissions and greenhouse gas emission reduction. So from also EPA perspective, we will need to kind of be consistent.

I'm assuming with other States and entities in how we estimate emissions and emission reductions, we are going to base most of it based on our experience with the greenhouse gas emission inventory report. We are using methodologies that have been, well recognized by state and the EPA.

[Taylor Pavlu] Hi anyone else in person? Yes.

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[Paige Barnes] Paige Barnes. I really appreciate this sort of tentative calendar for engagement. I think that this is really helpful for organizations to coordinate around. Do you anticipate having content to review at each phase or like gathering feedback for the first portion and then a draft plan to review sort of in the second half, just sort of wanting to get more information about sort of the structures specifically for this first PCAP section.

[Andrew Tucker] I think at this point where we would expect some of the earlier on engagement would give some sort of idea of the types of measures and stuff that we are thinking about. To give people starting point and, you know, asking people to provide feedback on how it could be refined or if there's kind of similar related projects that maybe are a little bit different that might be nuanced, maybe kind of give us a different perspective on it or if there's ideas that are completely outside of what's listed, you know kind of bringing that to our attention.

Then we'll kind of take that information and kind of process it and then later on kind of come back with a revised list of seeing kind of where things are at, what things we might see. Going in to the PCAP or things that we think might end up getting pushed out into CCAP, that kind of depends. Then kind of providing that information to people a little bit ahead of the time when we have kind of that final input period. So there's time for people to provide feedback before we have to make kind of the final decisions as to as to what's going in.

[Paige Barnes] OK. That's really helpful. Thank you.

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[Taylor Pavlu] One last question in the chat from Brian. Please clarify, if only coordinating entities will be eligible for grants, will other entities that seek grants for areas that are in the PCAP but are not coordinating entities be eligible?

[Andrew Tucker] So from my understanding of the direction that EPA is going for the implementation grants is that they're really trying to encourage people to be part of the coordinating entities. I think it's kind of going that direction that it may be a requirement. But like I said, we don't have the final implementation grant guidance from EPA. So, we don't know for sure at this point. It that's something like this to kind of get back to that later point, if you want to send us an email on to that is ndep.cprg@ndep.nv.gov? We can try and get clarification from EPA and get back to you.

[Taylor Pavlu] We don't have any more hands raised, no more questions in the chat. Anyone else here?

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[Francisco Vega] Francisco Vega, Washoe County Air Quality. Does the program define low income and disadvantaged communities? And if it does not, it does NDEP plan to define that in their plan?

[Andrew Tucker] There is some guidance to as to, but kind of metrics are used to determine whether or not an area would be low income and a disadvantaged community. We will be following largely what EPA is kind of guidance provides for that and using that to kind of identify what areas meet those criteria.

[Francisco Vega] An additional question.

I know NDEP puts together the statewide greenhouse gas emissions inventory and one of the benefits here says improve understanding with the intent be to conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory. So, a little bit more granular possibly down to like a regional or even county basis?

[Andrew Tucker] To the extent that we can, if we have coordinating entities and stuff that have expertise in you know their local areas and stuff, we definitely think we're interested in working with them to kind of refine some of our greenhouse gas inventories and where we can improve on the data to do so.

[Francisco Vega] Thank you.

[Andrew Tucker] Thank you.

47:05

[Unknown Speaker in Person] I have another question with the PCAP. I assume not all sort of policies put into the PCAP are going be funded in the implementation grant, especially because it's competitive. Do you anticipate that the PCAP is going to consider sort of funding sources and alternative ways to implement these programs, if they don't get funded during the implementation grant phase of this?

[Andrew Tucker] Off the top of my head I'm not sure if that was a part of the PCAP that we will be doing. We will be kind of looking at other sources of funding, how those can be leveraged for directions.

[Unknown Speaker] OK. Thank you.

[Taylor Pavlu] There's no more online.

[Danilo Dragoni] Red Rocks in Vegas?

[Steven McNeece] All good

[Danilo Dragoni] I've made for maybe 30 seconds to give anyone. What did you think about another question?

[Steven McNeece] We got we got one more raised hand. Ray Saracino. Go ahead and unmute yourself whenever you're ready, Ray?

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[Ray Saracino] Hi yes, I'm Ray Saracino. I'm with the US Environmental Protection Agency. And I've been listening in on the meeting and I just wanted to say because I see folks at the table don't have their laptops out, so they're not seeing the meeting chat. But there were a couple of questions that were getting at the eligible entities for the phase two implementation grants under CPRG and we do have on our website some information about those eligible entities. So, I put the link in the chat, but it's cprg@epa.gov. An easy website to remember, that'll help address some questions. I just don't want people leaving with a, you know, a misimpression of

what's to come. Thank you.

[Danilo Dragoni] Thank you.

[Taylor Pavlu] Thank you Ray and on that same note, Ben also shared EPA guidance for LIDAC as well. It's on there when you get to the chat.

[Andrew Tucker] If there is no more questions or we can conclude the meeting.

[Danilo Dragoni] Thanks everyone to help me to participate and you know, coming here in person. But you know at the discussion that the entire project is going to continue, will be plenty of opportunity to see you all again remotely in person and start working and keep working on this opportunity. As we mentioned, we are very excited and we're planning to do a very robust stakeholder engagement. So stay tuned. Thank you. Thanks everyone.