Discussion Overview

- An overview of the Adaptation Planning Guide (APG)
- The update process for this coming year
- Your guidance and feedback on the process and the Council’s involvement in the process
Adaptation Planning Guide (APG)

- Set of four complementary documents to guide communities in addressing the unavoidable consequences of climate change
  - Focuses on the need to adopt long-term approach by:
    - Explaining region- and sector-specific climate impacts
    - Providing risk identification tools, assessment procedures, and adaptation strategies

- Published by Cal OES and CNRA in 2012
  - First of its kind at the time
  - Due to rapid development in the adaptation space, the documents are now incredibly dated
    - No longer user-friendly
APG Update Project

- Senate Bill No. 246 mandates the APG is updated
  - Purpose:
    - Equip local and regional governments the latest adaptation resources and planning methodologies
    - Incorporate findings from California’s 4th Climate Assessment and 2018 Safeguarding California Plan
    - Integrate with the Adaptation Clearinghouse (including potential alignment with federal 5-step process on US Climate Resilience Toolkit)
    - Streamline with other State climate documents
APG Update Project (continued)

• Update Team
  - Cal OES is the project lead
    • Works closely with OPR and CNRA through an interagency planning work group
  - AmeriCorps CivicSpark climate fellow
  - Third-party contractor (TBD)
Complimenting Legislation

- **Senate Bill No. 379** requires inclusion of climate change adaptation strategies into the safety element of general plans and encourages inclusion of climate into local hazard mitigation plans (LHMP).

- **Senate Bill No. 1000** requires inclusion of environmental justice into the safety element of general plans; recommends inclusion into LHMP.

- **Senate Bill No. 1241** revises safety element requirements of general plans to address the risk of fires within state responsibility areas and very high fire hazard severity zones.

- **Assembly Bill 2140** encourages adoption of LHMP into general plan as safety element (occurs after LHMP approval).
Together, this legislation:

• Ensures that local and regional governments incorporate long-term strategies in their planning to build sustainable and resilient communities

• Presents the opportunity to develop the APG into an innovative and action-oriented planning tool
Update Process

- **Sept. 2018**
  - Internal review of APG documents
  - Compile list of information gaps, desired changes/edits, resources to incorporate as mandated by law

- **Oct 2018 to Jan. 2019**
  - Collect input from public and private entities through regional workshops and engaging with local jurisdictions
  - Analyze and categorize feedback; map out content-development plan

- **April 2018**
  - Develop first draft
  - Internal review of APG draft; make any necessary changes before releasing draft for public review

- **April 2018**
  - Release 45-Day Public Review Draft
  - Incorporate necessary changes

- **July to late 2019**
  - Publish and promote finalized draft
  - Build out of online interface on Adaptation Clearinghouse
Our outside help

• AmeriCorps CivicSpark climate fellow
  – Assists with coordination of regional workshops and project management
  – Engages with local jurisdictions within the central valley and along the coast to understand capacity needs

• Contractor will be brought on to assist with APG
  – Assist with many aspects of compiling, re-drafting, and including relevant information benefiting local jurisdictions

• Public RFP process to commence very shortly (exact dates TBD)

• Will work with OPR’s Adaptation Clearinghouse as well as other sites to make the guides web-user friendly
Feedback

• For those on the Council who are aware of or have used the APG:
  – Is there anything needed that is not currently present in the Guides that would be helpful?
  – The current plan is four small resource volumes. Would one consolidated document be preferred? Other format considerations?

• How would the Council like to be involved as the APG project proceeds and matures?

Thank you!