Considerations for discussion of 15 Climate Change Advisory Committee Recommendations

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The information below is a summary of key points from the Montana Climate Change Action Plan and the associated appendices. The legislative and administrative options prepared by staff and participating agencies do not include an economic analysis.

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State Climate Public Education and Outreach

(67% of participating EQC members voting 4 or 5 and 54% of the public voting 4 or 5)

✓ Shift in public consciousness to commitment to choices that enhance personal community and statewide health and contribute to productive, thriving natural systems.

Conservation Considerations:

Pages J-11 through J-13 Appendices

What's Being Done:

- DEQ developing climate change website.
- DEQ developing materials and making materials available across the state.
- Alternative energy, financing mechanisms, and energy conservation research development and demonstration account established in 90-4-103, MCA.
- State energy policy goal statement to promote "energy conservation," 90-4-1001, MCA.

Potential Options:

- * <u>Legislative or EQC options</u> (not complete, intended to be starting point for discussion):
- Direct DEQ to implement program and provide funding.
- Design program aimed at specific audiences, for example, younger generations, community leaders, industrial and economic sectors.
- Establish new office, provide funding. As example, proposal by Helena-based Policy Institute to create energy conservation office in Department of Commerce.
- * Resolution or recommendation stating intent
- * No Action
- * Administrative options: