

Oversight and decision-making process for DRCOG's building decarbonization program



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DRCOG was awarded \$199.7 million from the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Program

Oversight of DRCOG's \$199.7 million decarbonization program

- The program will distribute millions of dollars to individual building owners, local governments, non-profits, and the private sector.
- Transparent oversight with public feedback establishes accountability, balanced perspectives, and equity.
- Integrate technical and political discussions into programmatic guidance.



Today's discussion

- The organizational structure of new committees and relationship to the DRCOG Board.
- Committee membership.
- Decision-making roles of committees.
- Consider amendments to the “Committee Policy, Guidelines and Descriptions” at the October Board meeting.

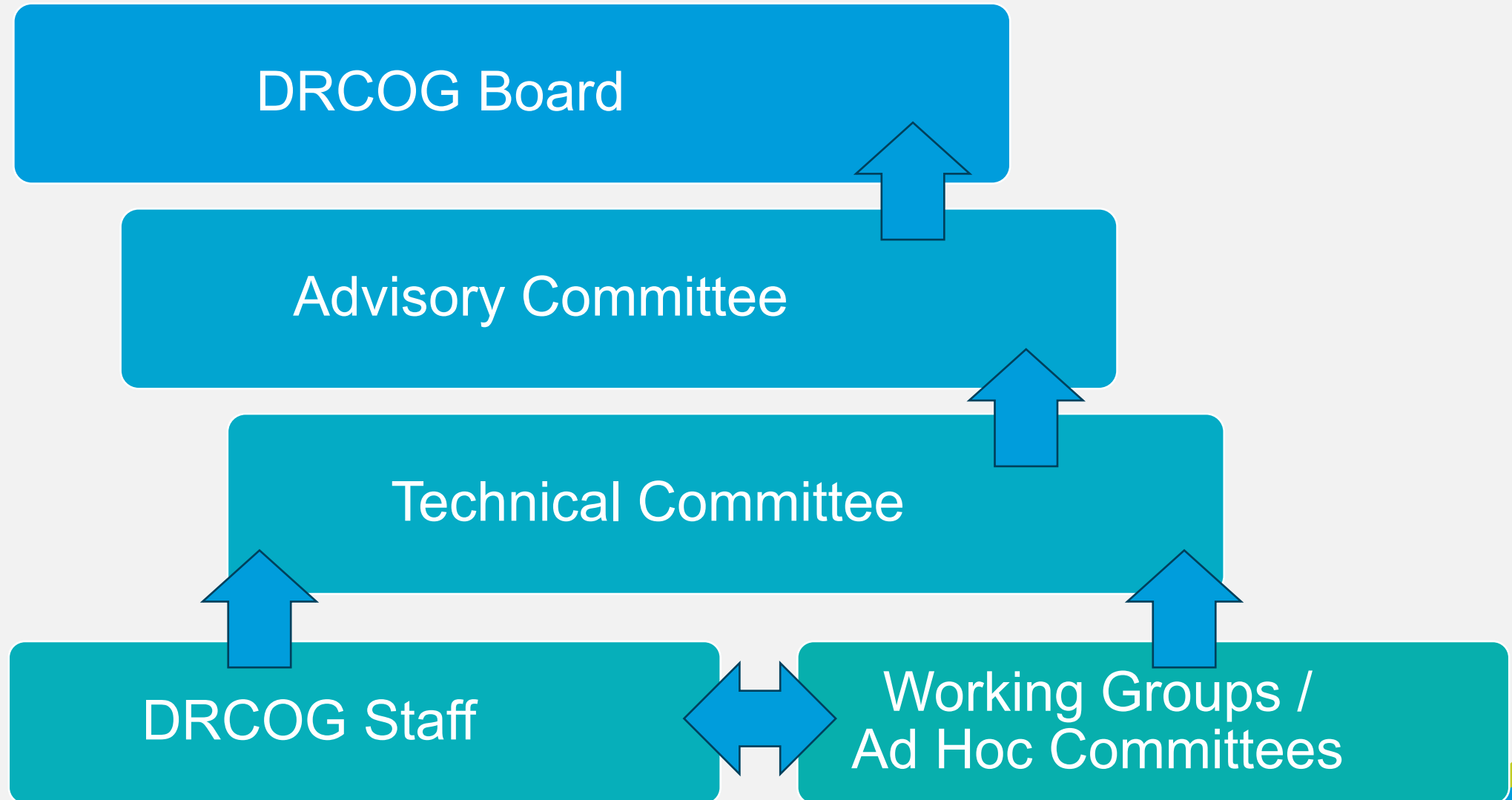
Types of programmatic design decisions

- Qualifications and criteria for “low-income and disadvantaged community” program.
- Size of rebates and incentives.
- Rebudgeting of funds to meet evolving program demands.
- Operational program adjustments to ensure equity and effectiveness.

Types of agency subgrant and subaward decisions

- Selection of community-based organizations subgrant recipients for engagement (~\$3.5 million).
- Selection of workforce center subgrant recipients (~\$5 million).
- Selection of innovation subgrant recipients (~\$5 million).
- Distribution of local government support subawards (~\$34.8 million).

Proposed decision-making process





DRCOG Staff and Working Groups

DRCOG Staff

- Hire new staff.
- Publish RFPs and select vendors for recommendation to the DRCOG Finance and Budget Committee.
- Program operations.
- Manage consultants.
- Coordination with stakeholders.
- Reporting, administration and finance.

Working Groups

- Local government staff support for each initiative:
 - Marketing, communications and engagement.
 - Low-income and disadvantaged communities decarbonization,
 - Energy advising, incentives and innovation.
 - Policy collaborative and local government grant program.
 - Workforce and business development.
- Develop Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and job descriptions.
- Advise DRCOG staff and develop recommendations for committees.

Ad Hoc Committees

- Members assigned by the Technical Committee.
 - Working group members, DRCOG staff and other key stakeholders.
 - Ad hoc committees will have a written charge or scope of work set by the Technical Committee.
- Recommendations to the Technical Committee:
 - Program subgrant and subaward criteria recommendations.
 - Subgrant and subaward recommendations.



Technical Committee

Role of the Technical Committee

- Review and advise on program structure and operations.
- Provide feedback on details of program implementation.
- Problem-solving and interagency coordination.
- Make recommendations to the Advisory Board

Proposed Technical Committee membership

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Government membership (18): Building decarbonization specialists, sustainability or planning directors, managers, or other senior level staff.

- **Two** local government members representing either the county or a local jurisdiction within the county in each of the following counties:
 - Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson.
- **One** local government member **each** from Weld County, Clear Creek County, Gilpin County, and the City and County of Broomfield.
- **One** senior staff representative from DRCOG's building decarbonization program.
- **One** representative from the Colorado Energy Office.

Utility membership (4):

- A representative of Xcel Energy.
- **Three** representatives of utilities serving less than 150,000 customers in the DRCOG region, such as:
 - United Power, CORE, Mountain View Electric, Morgan County Rural Electric Association, Longmont Electric, Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association

Proposed Technical Committee membership

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Eight (8) representatives of special interest groups related to building decarbonization such as:

- Tenant's rights.
- Human services including energy assistance.
- Affordable housing.
- Community-based organizations.
- Workforce development.
- Building policy.
- Trade groups and labor.
- Public health.
- Mechanical, plumbing, and electrical professionals.
- Building design and construction professionals.
- Non-profit organizations focused on building decarbonization.

At least **three** representatives must be organizations serving low-income and disadvantaged communities as their primary audience.

30 total members- 15 for a quorum and affirmative decision



Advisory Committee

Role of the Advisory Committee

- Appoint utility and special interest members to the Technical Committee.
- Coordination between key decision makers.
- DRCOG Board representative provides reports at DRCOG Board meetings.
- Make recommendations to the DRCOG Board.

Proposed Advisory Committee membership

Denver Regional Council of Governments- **Four** designees from the DRCOG Board, one of whom shall serve as chair and one as vice chair, and **one** senior DRCOG staff member.

Colorado Energy Office- The Executive Director or their designee.

Utilities– **One** senior staff member of Xcel Energy and **one** senior staff member of a utility provider that serves under 150,000 customers.

Other members- **Three** members representing various building decarbonization stakeholders

11 total members- 6 for a quorum and affirmative decision



Next steps

October Board Meeting

- Consider amendments to the “Committee Policy, Guidelines and Descriptions” at the October Board meeting.
- Appoint Board Members to the Advisory Committee.

Thank you!

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