

Abstract for NV State Climate Change Meeting 2012

Energy Purveyors and Climate Change in Nevada: Knowledge, Needs and Perspectives

Due to a large volume of greenhouse gas emissions coming from the generation of electricity, energy providers are in a unique position to work towards climate change mitigation. A multi-method survey was created for our NSF-funded study in order to discover the knowledge-base, needs and perspectives of energy purveyors in Nevada. There are five major sections to the survey. The first section focuses mainly on categorizing the type of organization being surveyed (i.e. size, public or private). The second focuses on organizational plans regarding mitigation and adaptation practices. The third section contains questions focusing on the type of data the organization uses in its planning, and the types of modeling utilized. The fourth section focuses on the beliefs of the purveyors (i.e. regarding the origin of climate change). The final section contains questions focusing on demographic information, so that the data collected in the survey can more easily be compared to other stakeholder surveys. Organizations were given the choice of taking the survey over the phone, online, or in a hard copy version mailed to them with a prepaid return envelope enclosed. The results are intended to inform researchers, purveyors, and those in the political arena. NSF EPSCoR Grant # EPS0814372.