

Climate Change and the State Environmental Policy Act: King County takes first step

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Today's Discussion

- Introduction
- Jim Lopez- Overview of King County Executive Order
- Dennis McLerran- Regional experience with green house gas emissions and SEPA
- Eric Laschever and Participants- Questions, Comments and Concerns

Order in a nutshell

- Effective September 1, 2007,
- Use SEPA to Identify and evaluate
 - climate impacts
 - including those pertaining to greenhouse gasses

Questions

- What are SEPA's strengths and weaknesses in addressing climate change?
- What type of information is useful for SEPA's disclosure purposes?
- What is relationship between information and SEPA's substantive authority?
- What other tools are in the land use tool box to address climate change?