

**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #2
CROSS-CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)**

October 10, 2006

Attendance:

1. TWG Members:
 - Rep. Sue Dickenson, House District 25
 - Ted Dodge, National Carbon Offset Coalition
 - Mary Fitzpatrick, Self-Employed
 - Gloria Flora, Sustainable Obtainable Solutions
 - Pat Judge, MT Environmental Information Center
 - Chuck McGraw, Natural Resources Defense Council
 - Shane Mogenson, Nance Petroleum
 - Cheryl Reichert, M.D., Citizens for Clean Energy
 - Diego Rivas, Montanans for a Healthy Climate
 - William Walks Along, Northern Cheyenne
2. MT Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ):
 - Jim Boyer
 - Lisa Peterson
3. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):
 - Ken Colburn, TWG Co-Facilitator
 - Randy Strait, TWG Co-Facilitator
4. Other Attendees:
 - None

Background documents:

(all posted at: http://www.mtclimatechange.us/Cross_Cutting.cfm.)

1. Meeting Notice & Agenda (including provisions for public access)
2. Draft Summary for Call #1
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. Draft Catalog of State-Level GHG Reduction Policy Options

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the second conference call of the CC TWG.

1. Ken Colburn called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda and plans for the call.
2. Review of Results of CCAC Meeting: Colburn noted that the CCAC approved CC TWG's suggested catalog of options at its September 15, 2006 meeting.

3. Next Steps for the TWG: Colburn reviewed for the TWG the steps through which they are proceeding to develop policy options for recommendation to the CCAC. The steps include (1) identification of a full range of state-level GHG policy options (“catalog”), (2) selection of initial priority for analysis options from the catalog; (3) development of the design elements and characteristics of priority policy options (i.e., “straw proposals”) by small groups within the TWGs, and (4) full TWG approval of the policy options for recommendation to the CCAC.
4. Draft Catalog of State-Level GHG Reduction Policy Options (Handout): The TWG discussed the items in the catalog. Colburn provided clarification in response to questions concerning the role of the TWG, which is to advise the CCAC in the development and evaluation of policy options for GHG mitigation in Montana. For example, the TWG could suggest a public outreach and education plan or program for consideration by the CCAC, but would not be responsible for final approval of this as a recommendation. In its assistance to the CCAC, the TWG should focus on decision criteria for the process, including feasibility issues associated with implementation and funding issues for potential options.
5. Goals and Targets: TWG members were interested in how other states had approached this topic. Colburn noted that other states have used a “top-down” or a “bottom-up” approach to determining a GHG reduction goal or target. New Mexico used the top-down approach, where the Governor announced a GHG reduction goal. Arizona used the bottom-up approach, where the goal was based on the GHG reductions expected to result from that state’s set of recommended policy options. Several TWG members expressed interest in a GHG reduction goal or target for Montana, if this direction were to be approved by the CCAC and the Governor. The TWG also discussed an intermediate approach that would help TWGs remain mindful of the possibility of a future goal in their consideration of policy options, and perhaps thereby apply greater focus to GHG reduction potential. CCS offered to provide a future presentation on goals and targets and how other states have approached this policy option in a future TWG meeting. CCS also referred the TWG to the Arizona Climate Change Advisory Group website (<http://www.azclimatechange.us/>) and the New Mexico Climate Change Advisory Group (<http://www.nmclimatechange.us/>) for further information.
6. Education and Outreach: The TWG briefly discussed the options listed in the catalog and agreed to give the catalog items further review and consideration. For example, some TWG members want to make sure that education and outreach addresses “Green Labeling” of products, production and use of bio-diesel, and training to increase the awareness of building contractors concerning energy efficient designs and products.
7. Timing and coordination for analysis of policy options: Timing for analysis of policy options in the catalog was briefly discussed. The TWG could proceed with analyzing the options either sequentially or in parallel. The TWG favored dividing into sub-groups for preparing straw proposals for individual policy options thus facilitating development of options in parallel.
8. Call to the Public: There were no public participants.

9. Announcements: None.

Next steps:

1. The next CC TWG call (#3) will be **Thursday, November 30, from 9:00–10:30 AM Mountain time**. CCS will notify the full TWG of the date and time for call #3 and send a reminder out several days before the call.
2. Draft Catalog of State-Level GHG Reduction Policy Options: TWG members will review the catalog items and in order to discuss potential revisions and/or additions to the catalog and to begin the process of identifying any priority policy options during the next call. During that call CCS can review the catalog items with the TWG in detail. A set of TWG recommended priorities will be provided to the CCAC at its next meeting on December 14, 2006.
3. Sub-groups: Following approval of suggested priorities for analysis by the CCAC, TWG members will indicate to CCS which options they would prefer to focus on in the development of policy option straw proposals.
4. Website Links: TWG members expressed interest in having links posted on the CCAC's website. CCS will take this up with Lisa Peterson of the MT DEQ and Karl Hausker who oversees this function for CCS.