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**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #11
CROSS-CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)**

June 22, 2007

Attendance:

1. TWG Members:
 - Rep. Sue Dickenson, House District 25
 - Ted Dodge, National Carbon Offset Coalition
 - Mary Fitzpatrick, Self-Employed
 - Pat Judge, MT Environmental Information Center
 - Diego Rivas, Montanans for a Healthy Climate
2. MT Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ):
 - Jim Boyer
 - Lou Moore
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 #10
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. Draft Policy Option Descriptions
5. Draft Policy Option Descriptions - Matrices

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the eleventh 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. The TWG approved the summary for Call #10 without change.
3. Dates and Times for Remaining TWG Calls: See item #1 under “Action Items” at the end of this summary.

4. Review goals for CCAC Meeting #6: The sixth and final CCAC meeting date is July 9, 2007. The assignment for the CC TWG going into this meeting will be to complete preparation of the straw proposal for each of the priority policy options and to obtain full approval of the CC TWG straw proposals.
5. Next Steps for the TWG: Colburn noted that the TWG should provide any comments it has toward finalizing the straw proposals. During today's call, we can continue discussion of the straw proposals for CC-6 (Options for Goals or Targets) and CC-7.1 (Establish a Target for Reducing the State's Own GHG Emissions). However, the quantification results for the priority policy options being developed by the other TWGs are not available for discussion today. The quantification results are expected to be available to review with the TWG during its July 6 meeting.

Colburn referred the members to the revisions to the policy option description and matrix files distributed to the members prior to the call. The TWG members approved of the revisions. For the remainder of the call, the TWG continued its review of the policy option description and matrix files. The following provides a summary of the items discussed and revisions requested by the TWG:

- Relationship of the Matrices to the Policy Option Descriptions: A member asked for clarification on the intended use of the information in the matrices. After discussion among the TWG members, it was agreed that the information in the matrices is intended to serve as reference materials to the policy option descriptions but the information is not considered a part of the policy option descriptions themselves. It was agreed that the "Preliminary Recommendation" column in the matrices for CC-1, CC-2, and CC-3 should be deleted.
- GHG Reporting (CC-2): Relative to the matrix for this option, a member noted the following additional concepts as important to quantifying carbon emissions, particularly for sequestration projects: additionality and leakage; measurement, monitoring, and verification; permanence; allocation of risk; and carbon value. These concepts are detailed in a presentation entitled "Carbon Sequestration: What can it mean for Montana agriculture?" by Ross Bricklemeyer, Perry Miller, and Rick Lawrence of the Precision Agriculture Research Association (January 30, 2004). The TWG agreed to add these concepts to the first page of the matrix for CC-2 (Reporting).
- GHG Registry (CC-3): The TWG agreed to add language to the last sentence of the last bullet under "Policy Design" to clarify that the state would not be able to take credit for any emission reductions associated with emission reduction credits generated and sold by the state (i.e., if sold, they no longer belong to the state and shouldn't be counted toward its goals). CCS will provide the clarifying language for review by the TWG.
- Options for GHG Goals and Targets (CC-6): The TWG agreed to add "Statewide" to the title for this option to make it clear that this option is concerned with establishing goals and targets to reduce GHG emissions for all sectors statewide.

Colburn responded to questions. In Slide 8, which lists goals and targets for other states, the “Climate Plan Coverage” column lists the estimated percent reduction in GHG emissions associated with the policy options a state has in its climate action plan; states with percentage reductions that are higher than its goal or target means that the GHG reductions associated with all of the policy options in a plan are estimated to reduce GHG emissions below the state’s goal or target. A member asked if any state had achieved its goals or targets. Colburn responded that no state has reached its goals or targets yet because most plans were only recently completed, and implementation is only now proceeding. In addition, goal dates are generally far enough in the future that they have not yet been reached.

Some members noted that it will be important to consider goals or targets with respect to a baseline on both a consumption and production basis, as well as on a gross and net basis. A member also noted that the state legislature had considered in House Bill 753 a requirement for the state to develop goals or targets; however, this bill was not adopted by the Montana legislature. (The text of the bill is available at <http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/2007/billhtml/HB0753.htm>).

- Establish a Target for Reducing the State’s Own GHG Emissions (CC-7.1): It was noted that in addition to reducing its own GHG emissions, Montana state government could also pursue partnerships with local governments, school districts, universities, and other entities to encourage these entities to reduce their GHG emissions through sharing of information including what the state is implementing to control emissions. The TWG agreed to revise the last sentence of the first paragraph of the “Policy Description” for this option to incorporate this concept.
- Join WRCAI and Consider Joining CCX (CC-7.4): Colburn noted that the Western Regional Climate Action Initiative (WRACI) recently revised its name to Western Climate Initiative (WCI). The TWG agreed to revise the name in the title and text of the policy option to WCI, and to add a footnote on the first page noting the name change from WRCAI to WCI.

Under “Policy Goals / Timing,” the TWG agreed to revise the sentence as follows: As expeditiously as possible, Montana should join WCI and decide whether to join CCX.

6. Call to the Public: There were no public participants.

Announcements: A TWG member noted that the following documentary film had recently been released:

Five Planets - Montanans at the Crossroads of Global Warming
Produced by Jane O'Holly Productions (<http://www.janeoholly.com/>)

Next steps:

1. The next CC TWG call (#12) was scheduled for **Friday, July 6, 2007, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Mountain time**. CCS will send an e-mail shortly after today's call to notify the full TWG of the date and time for Call #12.
2. Draft Policy Option Descriptions and Matrix Files: CCS will coordinate revisions to the draft straw proposals for each policy, as well as the file containing the matrices, and will distribute the revised straw proposals to the TWG prior to its meeting on July 6, 2007.