
Washington Climate Change Challenge

Climate Action Team

Tuesday, May 13, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
6th Floor, Washington State Trade and Convention Center

9:30 AM Welcome and Introductions (15 minutes)

9:45 AM Purpose of and Charge to the 2008 Climate Action Team (15 minutes)

10:00 AM CAT Structure and Process for 2008: Work Plan, Ground Rules and Expectations for the Climate Action Team (30 minutes)

Objective: Establish a common framework and shared expectations for the efforts of the Climate Action Team in 2008, and bring focus to this work in support of the overall Washington Climate Change Challenge.

- Overview of the purpose and key outcomes for the Climate Action Team to accomplish in 2008
- Review the key principles of the process and expectations that the process will be transparent, inclusive, fact-based, and strive for consensus
- Review Climate Action Team work plan, ground rules, process schedule and key milestones.
- Questions and Answers

10:30 AM Carbon Market Workgroups for the Agriculture and Forestry Sectors; GMA Process; and Developing the Green Economy (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss the purpose and approach of the other State climate efforts, and clarify the relationship between the CAT and IWGs.

- Brief Climate Action Team members on the other State climate activities moving forward in 2008, specifically the Agriculture Sector Work Group, Forest Sector Work Group, the GMA Advisory Policy Committee, and work on the Green Economy.
- Consider the potential for connectivity between these efforts and the CAT. Discuss implications of this connectivity for the pacing and timing of each effort, and overall work of the CAT.
- Questions and Answers

10:45 AM Break (15 minutes)

11:00 AM Review and Affirm Implementation Work Group Scopes (1 hour)

Objective: Clarify the relationship between the CAT and the Implementation Work Groups (IWGs). Inform CAT members about the structure, focus and expectations for each IWG, and review expectations for outcomes.

- Overview of the general IWG sectors, process and approach, and the role of the IWGs in the overall process, and the relationship between the CAT and the IWGs

- Discuss the specific scope for each IWG, including goals, tasks, anticipated membership, schedule and expectations:
 - Transportation
 - Energy Efficiency and Green Buildings
 - Beyond Waste
 - SEPA
- Review, refine, and affirm each IWG scope of work

12:00 Lunch Break (1 hour)

Lunch will be provided for CAT and key staff members.

1:00 PM Western Climate Initiative Briefing (1 hour 30 minutes)

Objective: Brief Climate Action Team members on the climate change action being taken by the State as part of the Western Climate Initiative (WCI).

- Overview of the WCI purpose, status of WCI accomplishment to-date and pending issues, and the anticipated schedule for release, refinement, and finalization of design elements
- Discuss the relationship and distinction between CAT and WCI activities, and the opportunity for CAT deliberations as a ‘committee of the whole’ when the design recommendations of WCI are released for consideration.
- Questions and Answers

2:30 PM Break (10 minutes)

2:40 PM Governance of and Financing for Washington’s Long-Term Response to Climate Change (40 minutes)

Objective: Discuss the role of the CAT as a ‘committee of the whole’ in considering the State’s long-term climate change program.

- Description of the proposed approach for considering governance and revenue implications and broader funding issues.
- Questions and Answers

3:20 PM Next Steps (10 minutes)

Objective: Provide members with the specific details of what will happen next and identify specific assignments and responsibilities for Climate Action Team members going forward.

- Detailed description of the schedule with a focus on launching the IWGs and what the CAT needs to accomplish in the near-term.
- Brief description of the next meeting topics and logistics.
- Questions and Answers

3:30 PM Public Comment (30 minutes)

4:00 PM Adjourn