

MEETING SUMMARY
WASHINGTON CLIMATE ADVISORY TEAM (CAT)
Agriculture Technical Work Group
(Ag TWG)

Call #1, May 1, 2007, 10:00am – 11:30am

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members:
Wade Alonzo, Vicky Carwein, Patrick Mazza, Deborah Moore, Nancy Peinecke (for Aaron Reardon), Craig Smith (for Terry Uhling), Cathy Baker, Jim Davis, Dan DeRuyter, John Ewald, Keith Goehner, Chad Kruger, Karl Kupers, Don Schramm, Steven Wamback; also Peter Moulton (Climate Solutions)
2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:
Katie Bickel, Steve Roe, Tom Peterson
3. Washington Ecology (ECY) and Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) Liaisons and Attendees:
Chery Sullivan, Tony Usibelli
4. Public Attendees: None
5. Observers: Gayle Sandlin, Nancy Platten, Mike Suez

Background documents:

(all posted at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat_twg_agr.htm)

1. Powerpoint presentation for meeting.
2. Catalog of State Actions on GHG Policy.
3. Descriptions of actions to support the Catalog.
4. Draft WA GHG Inventory & Forecast Report.

Discussion items and key issues:

1. Roll call and introductions of TWG, CCS, and State contacts conducted.
2. CCS reviewed the Agenda for the call.
3. Tony Usibelli of CTED gave an overview of the purpose and key outcomes of the process. A key issue is the contracted schedule for the process. Report to be completed in less than a year (January 2008).

4. CCS provided an overview of the process, including the parallel CAT process, which is addressing climate change adaptation. Roles of the different process participants were covered. The TWG's role to support the actions of the CAT was described (primarily in technical analysis and providing recommendations to the CAT). The 10-Step CCS Work Plan for working through each step in the process was also covered. The TWG is currently working on the first 3 steps.
5. Tom Peterson of CCS provided an overview of TWG interaction (primarily done via the technical facilitators for each TWG). He also answered a question from the TWG on the relationship/accounting for Federal programs in state policy design (the TWG should acknowledge where Federal policy exists and opportunities for enhancing the application of these in WA or building on these with additional state programs).
6. CCS reviewed the WA GHG inventory and more specifically agricultural emissions. Emission estimates for the waste management sector are being revised and will be covered in future meetings of the TWG. A TWG member mentioned that he had lots of input to make on the agricultural sector inventory/forecast. It was decided that the best way to do this was to provide a written description of the suggested revisions to the CCS facilitators, so that these could be folded into the discussion at future TWG meetings.
7. CCS briefly covered the Catalog of State GHG Actions and the Descriptions of Catalog Items. TWG members are asked to review these materials in more detail before the next call and be ready to discuss additions and revisions to the catalog on the next call. TWG members may send in comments prior to the next call as well.

Next steps and agreements:

1. The next TWG meeting will be held on May 23, from 10-11:30am.
2. TWG members should review at least the agriculture appendix of the GHG Inventory & Forecast Report, so that issues can be discussed on the next call. Significant issues should be documented and sent CCS, so that these can be incorporated into the materials for the next call.
3. TWG members should review the Catalog of State Actions and the Descriptions of Catalog Items documents. Input for additions or revisions to the catalog will be discussed during the next meeting.