

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

Call #4, July 18, 2007, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members:
Pat Ryan (for Wade Alonzo), Vicki Carwein, Patrick Mazza, Sejo Jackson (for Aaron Reardon), Cathy Baker, Tim Crosby, Dan DeRuyter, and Sally Sharrard (for Steven Wamback), Chad Kruger
2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:
Katie Bickel, Steve Roe
3. Washington Ecology (ECY) and Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) Liaisons:
Chery Sullivan
4. Public Attendees: Not identified.

Background documents:

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

1. Agenda
2. Powerpoint presentation for meeting.
3. Summary of Previous Call
4. AW Straw Proposals (circulated by email and posted to the web)

Discussion items and key issues:

1. Roll call conducted.
2. CCS reviewed the Agenda for the call.
3. CCS provided a review of the Call #3 Summary. CCS will add text clarifying that options 1.1 and 5.3 were on the cusp at medium to high priority status and note that some members would like to pursue further development of these options. The call summary will also be revised to further explain why these options were not established as high priority (i.e., primarily due to time and resources constraints as well as concerns expressed by some members regarding 5.3 over the ability to establish quantitative goals given the status of relevant research). CCS will inquire and report back to the TWG

about a process for adding additional options for analysis or for the TWG to pursue developing options by another more self-guided process.

4. CCS reviewed what will occur at the next CAT meeting on August 7. The CAT will review and approve the TWG list of priorities for analysis. The CAT will also review any straw proposals of these priorities that are ready for review.
5. Inventory & Forecast discussion – It was asked whether the uncertainties in the inventory and forecast can be opened up for future revision. It was also asked that CCS make it clear that emission reductions sought in a process like the CAT process should not be limited by a sector’s contributions to the inventory and forecast. CCS will have off-line discussions on additional potential revisions to the landfill-related emissions.
6. Discussion of Straw Proposals –
 - a. AW-1: TWG members have drafted text for a policy description and design and submitted to CCS. CCS will incorporate into the current straw proposal document. TWG volunteers feel that this is an option that could be moved forward quickly to CAT review.
 - b. AW-2: TWG needs to acknowledge the existence of the TLU low carbon fuel standard within this policy option description. TWG volunteers need to re-assess the way that CCS has framed the initial policy design (e.g. goals framed as “in-state production of bio-fuels to reduce the use of gasoline consumption....or petro-diesel consumption...by x% by 2020).
 - c. AW-3: A separate document was circulated prior to the call with draft text for the option. CCS discussed with the TWG volunteers the recommendations on how to structure the goals statement. CCS will make modifications to the draft and circulate it for review. The TWG felt this straw proposal was ready for review. TWG member mentioned that we will need to be careful in overlaps between policy options, when doing quantification of benefits and costs (e.g. carbon in municipal waste being addressed in both this option and the ag soil carbon option).
 - d. AW-4: This option could be moved forward for CAT review, if TWG volunteers can put numbers into the blanks and TWG approval is achieved by July 30 at the latest (e.g. CCS will distribute the numbers to the TWG as they are made available).
 - e. AW-5: Nothing available for review.
 - f. AW-6: Nothing available for review.
 - g. AW-7: Text received by CCS, but not in time to incorporate into current straw proposal version. Goals based on goals set in the New Mexico climate change process. TWG volunteers want to get more input on goals levels before finalizing. CCS will review and provide additional direction on the current proposal.
7. CCS then discussed next steps and the agenda for the next call following the CAT meeting.

Next steps and agreements:

1. CCS will work off-line with TWG volunteers to update the policy option document. CCS will send a revised straw proposal document and make a suggestion as to which options are ready for CAT review. CCS believes that up to four proposals will be ready for CAT review on August 7.
2. Next TWG meetings: August 22, September 12, October 24, and November 14. All calls are on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The TWG will review input from the CAT on list of priorities and finished straw proposals. We will discuss next steps on approved straw proposals. We will also discuss next steps in completing the remaining straw proposals.

List of Priority Policy Options

New Option #	Option Name	Option Volunteers (lead in bold)
AW-1	Manure Digesters/Other Waste Energy Utilization (originally 1.4)	Chad Kruger,
AW-2	In-State Production of Biofuels and Biofuels feedstocks (originally 1.2 and 1.3)	Chad Kruger, Cathy Baker, Tim Crosby, Patrick Mazza, Jim Davis, Wade Alonzo, John Tweedale-tentative (assisting W. Alanzo)
AW-3	Significantly Expand Source Reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting (originally 6.1, including 6.4 and 6.5)	Steve Wamback, Sego Jackson
AW-4	Agricultural Carbon Management (combines original options 3.1, 3.4, 2.3, 4.1, 3.3, 5.2)	Chad Kruger, Cathy Baker, Tim Crosby, Jim Davis, Wade Alonzo, Pat Ryan (assisting W. Alanzo)
AW-5	Agricultural Nutrient Management (combines original 3.2, 3.3, and 5.2)	Chad Kruger, Wade Alanzo, Milt Johnston (assisting W. Alanzo)
AW-6	Reductions In On-Farm Energy Use and Improvements in Energy Efficiency (originally 5.1)	Chad Kruger, Patrick Mazza, Keith Goehner
AW-7	Preserve Open Space/Agricultural Land (originally 4.2)	Christi Baumel (Sego Jackson's alternate), Cathy Baker, Tim Crosby, Jim Davis