

MEETING SUMMARY
Washington Climate Advisory Team (CAT)
Agriculture Technical Work Group (AW TWG)
Call #5, August 22, 2007, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members: Wade Alonzo, Pat Ryan, Patrick Mazza, Sejo Jackson (for Aaron Reardon), Craig Smith (for Terry Uhling), Cathy Baker, Tim Crosby, John Ewald, Chad Kruger, Sally Sharrard (for Steven Wamback)
2. Facilitation team (Center for Climate Strategies):
Stephen Roe
Carrie Lee
3. Washington State Agency (ECY/CTED) liaison and attendees:
Chery Sullivan

Background documents:

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

1. Agenda
2. PowerPoint presentation (including agenda) for meeting
3. Draft Priority Options Description
4. Summary of RCI Call #4

Discussion items and key issues:

1. The meeting started with a roll call of participants and a presentation of the agenda for the meeting.
2. CCS provided an overview of the Summary of TWG Call #4, as posted on the AW web page. The TWG had no comments on the Summary, and the Summary was accepted.
3. CCS provided an update on the August 7 CAT meeting informing TWG members of CAT member affirmation of the AW high priority policy options list, the upcoming September 7 CAT meeting via conference call when CAT members will review the remaining AW straw proposals, and CAT member interest in having the TWG revisit catalog option 5.3 concerning local food production.
4. Discussion of the Inventory and Forecast was postponed to the next TWG meeting.
5. Discussion of straw proposals:
 - Catalog Option 5.3 (Local Food Production): CCS provided an overview of CAT discussion of this option highlighting strong interest among CAT members to revisit this option, as well as their recognition of the quantification challenges it

presents. TWG members were in disagreement over including this option as a high priority. TWG members voiced concerns about data availability, as well as additional resource investment for the TWG considering the present need to address the existing list of high priority options. TWG members shared support for this option proposing including the option without quantification could serve to advance research and development of this issue at the state level through incorporation in the CAT process. Noting TWG member disagreement draft text for this option will be prepared by a TWG member volunteer and presented to the CAT for review.

- AW-2: TWG reviewed draft text submitted by TWG volunteers and revised by CCS. Discussion highlighted the need to focus this option design on the supply side of a low carbon fuel standard and to include mechanisms for increasing in-state agricultural energy crop production through research and targeted on-farm programs. TWG member volunteers agreed to discuss this option further off-line and provide revised text to CCS including refined goal statements.
- AW-5: TWG reviewed draft text submitted by TWG volunteers and revised by CCS. TWG members emphasized that while in specific management cases the GHG implications are well understood uncertainty still exists in areas of current research. CCS discussed with TWG how to best focus and refine the goal statement. TWG members agreed to focus on two goals and a reduction rate of 10%.
- AW-6: TWG reviewed draft text submitted by TWG volunteers. CCS led a discussion among the TWG to focus the goals and consider timing for this option. TWG members agreed on 4 specific goals. A TWG member volunteer agreed to submit refined goal text to CCS by Monday August 27th.
- AW-7: TWG reviewed draft text submitted by volunteers. TWG members discussed ranging estimates of the rate of conversion of agricultural land in WA. TWG members noted that the link between this option and options considered by the RCI and T TWGs regarding community planning should be emphasized.
- AW-1 and AW-3: CCS reviewed CAT comments on straw proposals reviewed at the August 7 CAT meeting.

Next steps and agreements:

1. CCS and TWG member volunteers will work to generate revised straw proposals of AW-2 and 5-8 in the AW Policy Options Document, reflecting the discussions during the TWG call and additional input from volunteers, for review by CAT members at the September 7 CAT meeting. The draft document will be sent to TWG members for their review and input before it is posted for review by the CAT.
2. Following the September 7 CAT meeting, the CCS team will begin quantification of the policy option proposals affirmed by the CAT.

Next meeting:

The next CAT meeting is set for Friday, September 7, via conference call. TWG members may dial and listen in: 1-800-868-1837, Participant code - 384744#.

Next TWG meetings: September 12, October 24, and November 14. All calls are on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.