

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Washington Climate Advisory Team (CAT)**  
**Residential, Commercial and Industrial Sector Technical Work Group (RCI TWG)**  
Call #4, July 25, 2007, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

**Attendance:**

1. Technical Working Group members:

Aaron Adelstein	King and Snohomish Master Builders
Ash Awad	McKinstry Energy
Anthony Chavez	Weyerhaeuser (with Sara Kendall)
Amanda Eichel	City of Seattle
Bert Gregory	Mithun Architects
Nancy Hirsh	NW Energy Coalition (for Danielle Dixon)
Sara Kendall	Weyerhaeuser
Mo McBroom	WA Environmental Council
Greg Carrington	Chelan PUD (for Rich Riazzi)
Cal Shirley	Puget Sound Energy
Sharon Park	Washington State Catholic Conference
  
2. Facilitation team (Center for Climate Strategies):

David Von Hippel
Michael Lazarus
Carrie Lee
  
3. Washington State Agency (ECY/CTED) liaison and attendees:

Tim Stearns
Heida Adelsman

**Background documents:**

(all posted at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat\\_twg\\_rci.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat_twg_rci.htm))

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

**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. The facilitation team asked for TWG comments on the Summary of TWG Call #3, as posted on the RCI web page. The TWG had no comments on the Summary, and the Summary was accepted.
3. The facilitation team asked TWG members to review two memo documents posted under “Additional Documents” on the RCI TWG website 1) Revisions to the Washington State Inventory and Forecast and 2) Contribution of recent actions to Washington State GHG mitigation. The facilitation team highlighted that improved estimates of consumption based electricity emissions have led to revisions to the inventory and forecast reducing the 1990 emissions estimate by 4-5 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>. As better information becomes available, further revisions to the inventory and forecast should be expected, but the current RCI inventory and forecast is not expected to change significantly. The facilitation team also noted that analysis of the contribution of recent actions estimates that these policies will meet will meet about 50% of the state’s emissions reduction target, though these estimates are rough at present, and will be revised. TWG members were encouraged to submit any questions or comments related to these documents to the facilitation team via email.
4. The facilitation team led a discussion of RCI policy options 1-4. The primary goals of the discussion were to generate feedback from TWG members on text generated by small volunteer groups of TWG members, to clarify the goals and timing of policy options, and to distill text for CAT review at their upcoming meeting on August 7th.

Discussion points included:

RCI-1:

- TWG members discussed means to focus the policy design text on options with the greatest potential impact, including I-937-like activities for natural gas, collection of funds to support DSM activities for propane and fuel oil consumers, and low-cost loans for efficiency improvements, as well as the reorganization of existing text better suited for use under a different RCI policy option.
- TWG members expressed an interest in investigating fuel oil efficiency programs in other states (for example, in east coast states), especially programs designed for low-income households.
- TWG members agreed to set an initial policy goal for the option of reaching 100 percent of achievable efficiency savings potential by 2020.

RCI-2

- TWG members provided input on the best means to have a combined strategy for generating funding for building energy efficiency investments incorporating both sales tax credits and public/private efficiency funds, including discussions of which key elements to emphasize in the text of the option.

- TWG members considered an appropriate goal for the options, including tying policy option goals to Architecture 2030 or similar building energy efficiency standards.

#### RCI-3

- TWG members provided input on the best means to delineate the community planning and building design/construction elements in this policy option.
- TWG members noted the importance of focusing specifically on GHG emissions reduction in building design.
- Alternatives goals for this option were considered, including framing a goal in terms of the percentage of new structures that would adhere to one of several potential “green building” standards.
- It was noted that the Transportation TWGs T-4 option also addresses community planning.

#### RCI-4

- TWG members discussed whether elements of the option (building efficiency improvement for existing structures) standards should be subdivided by sector.
- TWG members noted that additional “green building” certification programs should be mentioned in the text.
- It was suggested that training of building managers be noted as a part of the policy design.

#### **Next steps and agreements:**

1. CCS and TWG member volunteers will work to generate revised drafts of options RCI-1 through 4 in the RCI Policy Options Document, reflecting the discussions during the TWG meeting, for review by CAT members. The draft document will be sent to TWG members for their review and input before it is posted for use by the CAT.
2. TWG members will continue to work in small volunteer groups to develop proposals for the remaining policy options RCI 5 - 11. Text drafted by volunteers will be reviewed by the full TWG at the next meeting in late August.
3. Following the August 7 CAT meeting, the CCS team will begin quantification of the policy option proposals approved by the CAT.

#### **Next meeting:**

The next CAT meeting is set for Tuesday, August 7, in Seattle, WA.

The next RCI TWG meeting is set for either Wednesday, August 22 or Monday, August 27, 2007, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.