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MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTH CAROLINA CLIMATE, ENERGY AND COMMERCE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Cross Cutting (CC) Issues Technical Work Group (TWG)

Call #7, November 13, 2007, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Attendance:

1. Technical Work Group Members:

- Chad Wilbanks (for Lynn Barnes, Emissions Inventory Section Manager, SC DHEC)
- Greg Carbone, Climate Scientist, University of South Carolina
- Braxton Davis, Director of Science and Policy, Office of Coastal Resources Management
- Carol Ervin, Young, Clement, Rivers Law Firm
- Dr. Paul Gayes, Director, Center for Marine and Wetlands Studies, Coastal Carolina University
- Elizabeth Hagood, South Carolina Coastal Conservation League
- Trish Jerman, Policy and Programs Manager, South Carolina Energy Office
- Jason Allard (for Hope Mizzell, Climatologist, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources)
- Dr. Marcus Newberry, Former Dean, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) College of Medicine
- Frank Powell, Environment Director, Furman University
- David Smalls, President, Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce
- David Stoney, Ph.D., Citizen

2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) Staff:

- Ken Colburn – Co-facilitator
- Randy Strait– Co-facilitator

3. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC):

- Michael Juras – SCDHEC; Agency Liaison

4. South Carolina Agency Observers

- Leslie Coolidge – SCDHEC

5. Public Attendees:

- None

6. Technical Work Group Members not attending:

- Jim Byrd, Deputy Director, Market Services Division, South Carolina Department of Insurance
- Bion Howard, Principal Consultant, Building Environmental Science and Technology

Background documents:

(all posted at http://www.scclimatechange.us/Cross_Cutting.cfm)

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. Draft Summary of Call #6
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference
4. CC Draft Priority Policy Options for Analysis

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the seventh conference call of the CC TWG.

1. Ken Colburn called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda and plans for the call.
2. Draft Summary for Call #6: The TWG approved the summary for Call #6.
3. Dates and Times for Remaining TWG Meetings: See Item #1 under “Next Steps” at the end of this summary.
4. Review of Goals for CECAC Meeting #4 and Review and discussion of next steps for TWG: Colburn reviewed the information on the PowerPoint slides noting the CECAC will review, comment on, and approve the TWGs’ straw proposal recommendations on the description and design characteristics (goals, timing, and parties involved) as well as policies and programs in place in South Carolina for the policy options approved as priorities for analysis by the CECAC. During today’s call the CC TWG will need to complete its review and revisions to the straw proposals for the CC policy options.
5. Discussion regarding development of straw proposals for priority policy options: The TWG agreed to cover CC-5, CC-6, and CC-8 at the beginning of the call since the TWG was unable to discuss these options fully during its prior call. The TWG then reviewed the revisions to the straw proposals for CC-1, CC-2, and CC-4 incorporating the comments that the TWG members provided during its previous call, and did not have any further revisions to the straw proposals for these three options. Work on CC-3 (Statewide GHG Reduction Goals and Targets) will be delayed until the quantification results for the policy options being analyzed by the other TWGs is completed to determine the cumulative GHG emission reductions that the options may achieve.

The small groups for CC-5, CC-6, and CC-8 provided background information on how they developed the straw proposal for each option and then the TWG reviewed and discussed each straw proposal. The TWG reviewed CC-8 first to accommodate a member’s schedule and then reviewed CC-6 and CC-5. Revisions to the straw proposals as agreed to by the CC TWG are noted below:

- CC-8 (Adaptation & Vulnerability): Under Policy Design, Timing, add a sentence after the first sentence noting that the CECAC should recommend the initial membership of this Commission for the Governor’s approval. In the last sentence, remove the parenthetical note “(even before the Commission is established, if possible)” from the last sentence as the TWG agreed that it was not clear what could be done prior to establishing the Commission.
- Move the text under “Type(s) of GHG Reductions” to “Additional Benefits and Costs” and note “Not Applicable” under “Type(s) of GHG Reductions.”

- CC-6 (Public Education and Outreach): Under Policy Description, first sentence of third paragraph, delete “...in the state,” in order to include existing regional and national public education and outreach programs. Under Policy Design, add “A traditional United Way campaign may provide a good model for this effort.” to the end of the first paragraph to cite an example of a successful model for a broad, community-based campaign.

Switch the order of Attachment A (South Carolina Health Corps) and Attachment B (Reference Materials) to emphasize the relevance of the information in Attachment B to this option.

Move the text under “Type(s) of GHG Reductions” to “Additional Benefits and Costs” and note “Not Applicable” under “Type(s) of GHG Reductions.” Add a sentence under “Additional Benefits and Costs” noting that additional personnel will be required to mount an effective education and outreach campaign.

- CC-5 (Comprehensive Local Government Climate Action Plans (Counties, Cities, etc.)): Under Policy Design, Timing, add language indicating that communities should make every effort to proceed with developing climate action plans as rapidly as possible.

Under Policy Design, Parties Involved, include the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

Next steps:

1. The next meeting of the CC TWG will be Tuesday, January 8, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. CCS will notify the full TWG of the date and time for call #8 and send a reminder out several days before the call.
2. CCS will revise the straw proposal descriptions file to incorporate revisions that the TWG agreed to during its seventh call and send the file to the TWG to review before posting the file to the project website for the next CECAC meeting.

Public Input and Announcements

No members of the public participated in the call.

Randy Strait noted that on November 20, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm, the CECAC will hold an information session on cap and trade and carbon tax mechanisms via teleconference. He will forward an e-mail from CECAC Chair Ben Hagood inviting the TWG members to attend.