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MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTH CAROLINA CLIMATE, ENERGY AND COMMERCE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

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

Call #9, February 5, 2008, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Attendance:

1. Technical Work Group Members:

- Erin Bartlett (for Lynn Barnes, Emissions Inventory Section Manager, South Carolina) Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
- Braxton Davis, Director of Science and Policy, Office of Coastal Resources Management
- Dr. Paul Gayes, Director, Center for Marine and Wetlands Studies, Coastal Carolina University
- Elizabeth Hagood, 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 Stoney, Ph.D., Citizen

2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) Staff:

- Ken Colburn – Co-facilitator
- Randy Strait– Co-facilitator
- Katie Pasko – TWG Assistant

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

- Michael Juras – SCDHEC; Agency Liaison

4. South Carolina Agency Staff:

- None

5. Public Attendees:

- None

6. Technical Work Group Members not attending:

- Jim Byrd, Deputy Director, Market Services Division, South Carolina Department of Insurance
- Greg Carbone, Climate Scientist, University of South Carolina
- Carol Ervin, Young, Clement, Rivers Law Firm
- Bion Howard, Principal Consultant, Building Environmental Science and Technology
- David Smalls, President, Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce

Background documents:

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

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. Draft Summary of Call #8
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference.
4. CC Draft Priority Policy Options for Analysis

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the ninth conference call of the CC TWG.

1. Randy Strait called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda and plans for the call.
2. Next Meeting: See section at end of summary.
3. Draft Summary for Call #8: The TWG agreed to hold the summary open for its review until Friday, February 8. The summary will be considered approved by the TWG if no comments are submitted to CCS. [Note: no comments were received on the summary].
4. Discussion regarding development of straw proposals for priority policy options:

Strait noted that during today's call the TWG will review and comment on the revisions that were distributed to the TWG prior to the call. The TWG also acknowledged receipt of revisions to CC-1 that Strait email the CC TWG this morning. Strait noted that discussion of CC-3 will be delayed until the quantification results of the pending priority policy options being developed by the other sector-specific TWGs become available within the next month or two. During today's call, the CC TWG approved all of the straw proposals (except for CC-3) to be considered for final approval by the CECAC at its next meeting, with the following revisions for CC-1, CC-4, and CC-5 incorporated:

- CC-1 (Inventories and Forecasting): Under Additional Benefits, add language that acknowledges, based on past experience, that GHG reduction efforts are likely to help reporting entities save costs as they focus on ways to reduce energy use and missions. It was also agreed to add language to acknowledge benefits from public disclosure of GHG emissions source and sink data (similar to the Toxics Release Inventory model).
- CC-4 (State Government GHG Emissions (Lead-by-Example)): Trish will provide clarifying language under "Implementation Mechanisms" after our call. The language included prior to the call did not get copied completely into the straw proposal. Under "Related Policies/Programs in Place," note that SC DHEC has committed to voluntarily report emissions from its operations to *The Climate Registry*.
- CC-5 (Comprehensive Local Government Climate Action Plans (Counties, Cities, etc.)): Under "Policy Design / Parties Involved," add state agencies, local Chambers of Commerce, and non-profit groups. Under "Implementation Mechanisms," add language to include an annual workshop.

Next steps:

1. Upcoming dates for CECAC meetings are February 22 and May 9. The Final Report is due by June 30. The CECAC may schedule another meeting between the February 22 and May 9 meetings. If this occurs, the May 9 meeting may be scheduled later in the month.

2. The remaining CC TWG calls will be held on the following dates:
Tuesday, March 11, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.
Tuesday, April 8, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.

CCS will notify the full TWG of the date and time for each call and send a reminder out several days before the call. Should the CECAC approve of the CC TWG's straw proposals (except for CC-3 (Statewide GHG Reduction Goals and Targets)) at the CECAC's February 22 meeting, Strait noted that it will not be necessary to hold a CC TWG meeting until the quantification of pending priority policy options for the other TWGs is completed (so that the CC TWG can develop recommendations on statewide GHG reduction goals or targets). Strait will inform the TWG after the CECAC meeting if it will be necessary to hold the CC TWG meeting scheduled for March 11, or if not when the quantification results will be available so that the CC TWG can schedule its next meeting to discuss recommendations for CC-3.

3. CCS will revise the straw proposal descriptions file to incorporate revisions that the TWG agreed to during its 9th call for review by the CECAC at its February 22 meeting.

Public Input and Announcements

No members of the public participated in the call.