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**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA CLIMATE, ENERGY AND COMMERCE ADVISORY**  
**COMMITTEE**

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

Call #10, March 11, 2008, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**Attendance:**

**1. Technical Work Group Members:**

- Lynn Barnes, Emissions Inventory Section Manager, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
- Greg Carbone, Climate Scientist, University of South Carolina
- Braxton Davis, Director of Science and Policy, Office of Coastal Resources Management
- 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:**

- Randy Strait– Co-facilitator

**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
- Carol Ervin, Young, Clement, Rivers Law Firm
- Dr. Paul Gayes, Director, Center for Marine and Wetlands Studies, Coastal Carolina University
- Elizabeth Hagood, Coastal Conservation League
- 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](http://www.sccclimatechange.us/Cross_Cutting.cfm))

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. Draft Summary of Call #9
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference.
4. CC Draft Priority Policy Options for Analysis

**Discussion items and key issues:**

This was the tenth 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 the “Next Steps” section at end of this summary. Note that the TWG changed the date for the next TWG meeting.
3. Draft Summary for Call #9: The TWG approved the summary for Call #9 without any revisions.
4. Review of results of CECAC Meeting #5:

Strait noted that the CECAC provided approval of the following policies: CC-1 (Inventories and Forecasting), CC-2 (GHG Reporting and Registry), CC-5 (Comprehensive Local Government Climate Action Plans (Counties, Cities, etc.)), CC-6 (Public Education and Outreach), and CC-8 (Adaptation & Vulnerability). The CECAC did request text revisions to CC-2, CC-5, CC-6, and CC-8. The primary purpose of our call today is to review and revise, as needed, the text revisions that CCS made to the policies to address the CECAC’s comments.

5. Review goals for CECAC Meetings #6 and #7:

For CECAC Meeting #6, the TWG will need to finalize the clarifying text to the policies for CC-2, CC-5, CC-6, and CC-8 to address the CECAC’s comments. In addition, the CECAC requested during its January teleconference that the TWG update the CECAC on any regional initiatives related to climate change. Strait asked the TWG members to submit topics on regional initiatives to him, and he would compile this information for distribution and review by the TWG before the next CECAC meeting. For CECAC Meeting #7, the TWG will need to complete its recommendations for CC-3 (Statewide GHG Reduction Goals and Targets) and CC-4 (State Government GHG Emissions (Lead-by-Example)).

6. Discussion Regarding Development of Straw Proposals for Remaining Priority Policy Options:

The TWG will begin its work on evaluating potential GHG reduction goals or targets for CC-3 and CC-4 when the quantification results of the priority policy options being prepared by the other TWGs are available. Strait noted that the sector-specific TWGs have completed emission reduction estimates for many but not all of the pending priority policy options. In addition, the TWGs will be addressing overlaps between options to eliminate double counting of emission reductions. At this point it would be best for the CECAC to review the quantification results of the options before the CC TWG begins

reviewing this information to ensure that the quantification incorporates the CECAC's comments. Thus, the CC TWG's work on evaluating potential GHG reduction goals or targets for CC-3 and CC-4 will begin after the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CECAC. Strait noted that CCS will prepare information on goals and targets adopted by other states and the emission reduction accounting frameworks (gross and net emissions on a consumption and a production basis) during the next CC TWG call.

7. Review of CECAC Comments on Approved Policy Recommendations:

Strait noted that CCS revised the "Status of Group Approval," "Level of Group Support," and "Barriers to Consensus" sections of the template for CC-1, CC-2, CC-5, CC-6, and CC-8 to record the CECAC's final approval of these policies. For the remainder of the meeting the TWG reviewed and discussed the revisions to CC-2, CC-5, CC-6, and CC-8 that CCS prepared to address the CECAC's comments. The following summarizes this discussion and comments provided by the TWG:

- CC-2 (GHG Reporting and Registry): Under Policy Design, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet, the TWG approved of the revisions to acknowledge the new federal requirement for the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop mandatory reporting requirements for GHGs and the need for South Carolina to coordinate with the US EPA to avoid duplication of potential GHG reporting burden on emission sources. Strait noted that this federal requirement is included in the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008" that was passed by the US Congress and signed by the President in December 2007.

It was noted that US Senator Dianne Feinstein, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, indicated in a letter to Ms. Gina McCarthy, Chairman of the Board of Directors of *The Climate Registry*, that her committee included the GHG reporting requirement in the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008" and in so doing it was their intent for the US EPA to develop and implement a federal GHG reporting system that is consistent with the protocols of *The Climate Registry*. The TWG agreed that reference to this intent should be included as a footnote to the Policy Design section.

- CC-5 (Comprehensive Local Government Climate Action Plans (Counties, Cities, etc.)): Under Policy Design (end of first paragraph), the TWG approved the text added noting that community plans will be an effective mechanism for implementing recommendations that the CECAC approves for the statewide Action Plan for South Carolina, and that the CECAC encourages communities to consider and include, to the extent possible, the CECAC's recommendations in community plans.
- CC-6 (Public Education and Outreach): Under Policy Design, the TWG approved the text adding "Media" as a target audience, but requested editorial revisions to make the text grammatically consistent.
- CC-8 (Adaptation and Vulnerability): Under Policy Design, Goals, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet, the TWG agreed to revise the text to not only develop but also maintain high-quality and high-resolution elevation data, and to include nearshore bathymetry data.

**Next steps:**

1. Upcoming dates for CECAC meetings are April 4 and May 9. The Final Report is due by June 30. The CECAC added the April 4 meeting at its February 22 meeting.
2. The remaining CC TWG calls will be held on the following dates:  
Tuesday, April 15, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.  
Tuesday, April 29, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.

The TWG agreed to delay the next call (originally scheduled for April 8) one week to provide time for the other TWGs to complete quantification of their pending priority policy options which are needed to support the discussion of CC-3 and CC-4. The TWG also agreed to add a meeting on April 29 to complete its discussion and final recommendations to the CECAC for CC-3 and CC-4. CCS will notify the full TWG of the date and time for each call and send a reminder out several days before the call.

3. CCS will revise the straw proposal descriptions file to incorporate revisions that the TWG agreed to during its 10<sup>th</sup> call to address the CECAC's comments.

**Public Input and Announcements**

No members of the public provided comments.