



**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #3
CROSS CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)
May 31, 2006**

Attendance:

1. TWG Members:
 - Daniel Besse, Local Official
 - Dee Eggers, UNC-Asheville
 - Steve Kalland, NC Solar Center
 - Steven McNulty, USDA - Forest Service
 - Chuck Pickering, Biltmore Estate
 - Ulla Reeves, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
 - Roger Sheats, Global Warming Initiatives
 - Michael Shore, Environmental Defense
2. NC Department of Air Quality (DAQ):
 - Jim Southerland, Liaison to CC TWG
 - Charles O. Davis
 - Patrick Butler
 - Brock Nicholson
3. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):
 - Tom Peterson, CAPAG Facilitator
 - Ken Colburn, TWG Co-Facilitator
 - Randy Strait, TWG Co-Facilitator
4. Other Attendees:
 - Chris Beckham, SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control
 - Kathryn Eggers, Environmental Defense
 - Miriam Lev-On, The LEVON Group, LLC

Background documents:

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

1. Meeting Notice & Agenda (including provisions for public access)
2. Summary for Call #2 (May 5, 2006)
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. Catalog of State Climate Mitigation and Policy Options
5. Design Options Matrix for Reporting
6. Design Options Matrix for Registries

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the third 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. Members of the CC TWG approved without objection the summary for Call #2.
3. Review of May 23 CAPAG decisions regarding expanded scope of CC Issues TWG work and additions to catalog of potential state options.

Prior to the TWG meeting the catalog was revised to add policy options. Tom Peterson provided an overview of the CAPAG meeting on May 23 and CAPAG decisions that affect the CC TWG. The following provides a summary of the CAPAG decisions by policy option:

- a. Adaptation: This option was added by the TWG prior to the CAPAG meeting. The CAPAG affirmed the addition of adaptation to the catalog. The TWG discussed ideas for addressing this policy option. Tom noted that developing an adaptation plan could take some effort. Arizona considered this option during development of its Climate Action Plan and decided to prepare a brief summary of the issues and recommended that the state develop a plan to address short-term and long-term adaptation issues. Brock Nicholson noted that the two extremes for addressing the option are: (1) for the CC TWG to recommend that state agencies develop a plan after the CAPAG process is completed, or (2) that the CC TWG develop an adaptation plan. Brock suggested that the CC TWG develop something between these two extremes such as providing an overview that would frame (or list) the issues for future consideration by state agencies. Other members reinforced the importance for addressing the adaptation option.
- b. Assistance with Statewide GHG Reduction Goals and Targets: At the May 23 CAPAG meeting, Mr. George Givens (Environmental Review Commission) noted that the Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change (LCGCC) under statute is charged with deciding on goals / targets. However, he confirmed that the LCGCC would be receptive to CAPAG recommendations on this issue. Therefore, this option was added to the catalog after the CAPAG meeting. Tom volunteered to provide the TWG with information on what other states have done on this option. Jim Southerland noted the importance for knowing the reductions that can be achieved by the sector-specific options recommended by the other TWG's as input to the CC TWG for developing recommendations on GHG reduction goals or targets to CAPAG.
- c. Coordination with Other States: The CAPAG added this option to the CC TWG catalog. Ken indicated that this element might be better addressed in the implementation plans of individual policy options as indicated in the notes column of the catalog.

- d. Additional Issues for Evaluation of Options: The CAPAG asked that the CC TWG develop guidance for CAPAG and TWG members in evaluating potential policy options with respect to important additional concerns beyond GHG reduction potential and cost-per-ton of GHG reduction. CAPAG requested additional discussion and potential modification of the use of the terms “indirect” or “ancillary” with respect to defining the impacts of mitigation options to be used later in the process (after CAPAG meeting #4 as outlined in the memo describing the CAPAG process). These technical terms are outlined and defined in the CCS memo (*Methods for quantification of draft greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation option benefits and costs*) distributed at the May 23 CAPAG meeting regarding quantification of potential mitigation options, and are posted on the project website at: www.ncclimatechange.us.

The TWG discussed this policy option at length and recommended that the term "ancillary issues," also known as "non GHG issues," should be referred to as "additional issues" hereafter on the policy template to be used later in the process to describe and evaluate potential mitigation options. For example, human health and social issues, environmental and natural resource issues including those related to sustainability, etc. can be applied to the column denoting "ancillary and feasibility issues" (to be revised to "additional issues") and or the column for "special notes."

4. Call to the Public: Public participants did not provide any comments.
5. Announcements: There were no announcements.

Next steps:

1. The next CC TWG call (#4) will be **Tuesday, June 20, from 10:00–11:30 a.m. Eastern time**. CCS will notify the full TWG of the date and time for call #4 and send a reminder out several days before the call.
2. Adaptation: In order to better understand and frame this option, the TWG members agreed to send Ken Colburn and Randy Strait information / ideas to discuss during the next TWG meeting. Ken or Randy will distribute the materials to the TWG prior to the meeting.
3. CCS will revise the “Catalog of State Climate Mitigation Options” based on any comments received from TWG members prior to the next TWG meeting. CC TWG members will be asked to review the Catalog carefully and provide further proposed additions or revisions.