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**DRAFT TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Cross-Cutting Issues Policy Working Group**  
**Meeting/Call #4, May 4, 2007**

**Members Attending:**

Chris Crosby  
Jack Ihle  
Elise Jones  
Tom Looby  
Tom Moore  
Isaac Silverman  
Sarah Van Pelt

**Rocky Mountain Climate Organization:** Tom Easley, Stephen Saunders

**Center for Climate Strategies:** Ken Colburn, Randy Strait

**Agenda Item #1: Introductions and Review of Agenda.** Attendees did introductions and CCS reviewed the eight agenda items for the call.

**Agenda Item #2: Review of Meeting #3 Summary.** The PWG did not have any changes to the summary for Call #3.

**Agenda Item #3: Review of Results of CAP Meeting #3.** Colburn noted that the CAP approved the CC PWG's suggested catalog of options at its meeting yesterday, except for CC-8 (Tax and Cap Policies). The CAP decided that CC-8 should be addressed by other PWGs in order to quantify the effects of tax and cap policies for reducing GHG emissions. In addition, the CAP decided to include local governments in CC-5 thus changing the title of this option to "State and Local Government GHG Emissions (Lead by Example)."

**Agenda Item #4: Goals for CAP Meeting #3.** Colburn noted that the PWG's goal in preparing for the next CAP meeting is to provide the CAP with the opportunity to understand and provide comments on the PWGs direction for developing the design characteristics of each option.

**Agenda Item #5: Review and Discussion of Next Steps for PWG.** Colburn noted that during this call, the PWG will need to complete drafts of the straw proposals for review by the CAP at its May 22 meeting. The CC PWG should focus on developing the policy description and design

characteristics for each option, but may also develop draft language for other elements of the straw proposal template.

**Agenda Item #6: Review and Discussion of the Catalog of State Actions.** Prior to the meeting, RMCO and CCS provided the PWG with draft straw proposals for each of the CC policy options. Colburn noted that the straw proposals are highlighted in red to note that the language is provided to serve as an example only. During the meeting the CC PWG reviewed and discussed each of the straw proposals. The following provides a brief summary of the key points discussed during the meeting.

Inventories and Forecasting (CC-1): The PWG did not have any revisions to the policy description. For the policy design, the PWG agreed to change the text in the first bullet to recommend that the forecast be extended to at least 20 years into the future. The PWG also agreed to add, as the second bullet under goals, recommendations that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE) develop a protocol for preparing consistent inventories and forecasts over time. In forecasting future GHG emissions, treatment of uncertainties should be transparent, as consistent as possible across sectors and time, and to the extent possible, reflect multiple scenarios.

GHG Reporting (CC-2): The PWG did not have any revisions to the policy description. For the policy design, the PWG agreed to recommend that voluntary reporting be available to all sources and that all significant sources be subject to mandatory reporting. The DPHE would develop criteria for defining a significant source. The elements of a reporting program listed in the bullets under the policy design should be considered by DPHE in developing a reporting program.

GHG Registry (CC-3): A PWG member noted that Colorado is likely to join *The Climate Registry*. Colburn noted that the draft straw proposal distributed to the PWG as a starting point was prepared before *The Climate Registry* was conceived. However, the description and design of the straw proposal is consistent with the purpose and goals of *The Climate Registry*. Colburn noted that *The Climate Registry* may not initially meet the comprehensive registry needs of Colorado (e.g., entities that want to register sequestered carbon associated with forest management), but that the registry should eventually evolve to cover all emission sources and sinks.

The PWG did not have any revisions to the policy description. The PWG agreed to revise the policy design to recommend that the state join a national or multi-state registry such as *The Climate Registry*. However, to the extent that Colorado's needs may not be met by *The Climate Registry*, Colorado should develop supplemental or ancillary registry capacity or opportunity to meet the additional needs. The PWG also agreed to revise the goal and timing for the policy option to specify that Colorado should join *The Climate Registry* as soon as possible so that Colorado sources can participate in this registry and so Colorado can participate as a charter member to best influence the formation of *The Climate Registry*.

Statewide GHG Reduction Goals and Targets (CC-4): Colburn noted that the CC PWG will need to wait for quantification results of the options that the CAP approves for further analysis to help determine the goals. The PWG requested that a note be added to the straw proposal indicating that the PWG may wish to consider various scenarios when it deliberates the setting of goals for Colorado.

State and Local Government GHG Emissions (Lead by Example) (CC-5): Colburn provided an overview of this option noting different approaches that the PWG could take in deciding on goals for state government operations. For example, the PWG could base goals for GHG reductions on the goals it recommends under CC-4, or set goals that are different from those ultimately recommended under CC-4. Colburn noted that Montana is developing a similar policy option but is waiting for the quantification results to support a statewide goal. It was also noted that the state could help support local governments that are interested in leading by example.

The PWG agreed to revise the policy goal to add text noting the intent to recommend goals for state government operations but with place holders for filling in the goals later. The PWG did not have any revisions to the policy description. It was noted that the policy description and design will need to be revised to incorporate local governments, where appropriate, as a result of the addition of local governments to the title of this option by the CAP.

Comprehensive Local Government Climate Action Plans (CC-6): PWG member Tom Looby provided a paper copy of a straw proposal for this option, and reviewed it with the PWG members. He agreed to provide an electronic version of the straw proposal with revisions discussed during the PWG meeting.

Public Education and Outreach (CC-7): The PWG did not have any revisions to the policy description, but noted that it may want to include a role for local governments in the option. For the policy design, it was suggested that PWG members prepare a long-list of examples of education and outreach activities for each of the audiences identified in the policy design and include the long-list as an attachment to this policy option. A PWG member recommended including an education and outreach effort such as Climate Keepers or Ten Percent Challenge. The PWG agreed that the coverage of parties should include State government, local governments, RMCO, and others.

Seek Funding for Implementation of Climate Action Panel Recommendations (CC-9): The PWG agreed to revising the title of this option to “Establish a Clearinghouse to Seek Investment Capital and Philanthropic Funding for Reducing GHG Emissions and Supporting Development of the New Energy Economy in Colorado.” This new title better reflects the intent of the option. The PWG also provided suggested language for the policy design of the straw proposal recommending that the state government (with other governments as desired) establish a clearinghouse, with a small office and staff to execute the purposes and functions outline in the straw proposal.

Adaptation & Vulnerability (CC-10): It was noted that during the meeting of the RMCO Water Adaptation group yesterday, that the word “vulnerability” was a key adjective used many times to describe the effects of climate change on the future of Colorado’s water resources. Stephen Saunders volunteered (with assistance from Tom Easley) to develop text for the straw proposal for this option for identifying and addressing adaptation issues other than those associated with climate impacts on water resources.

**Agenda Item #7: Agenda, Time and Date for Next Meeting.** The agenda for the fifth meeting of the PWG will include (1) review of PWG Meeting #4 Summary; (2) review next steps for CAP meeting #4 to be held on May 22, 2007; and (3) discussion regarding development of straw proposals for draft policy options.

The date and time for the fifth meeting of the CC PWG has been scheduled for **Tuesday, May 15, 2007 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Mountain time.**

**Agenda Item #8: Public Input and Announcements.** Colburn noted that Barbara Roberts has resigned from the CC PWG and has been replaced by Isaac Silverman. Information on the small group members and coordinators for each option has been revised to reflect this change and is attached at the end of this summary. Otherwise, there were no other announcements. There were no public participants.

**Colorado Cross Cutting (CC) Issues Policy Working Group (PWG)****Small Group Participation for Developing  
Straw Proposals for Priority Policy Options  
(Updated May 4, 2007)**

<b>Policy Option No.</b>	<b>GHG Reduction Policy Option</b>	<b>Small Group Volunteers*</b>
CC-1	Inventories and Forecasting	Tom Moore*
CC-2	GHG Reporting	Tom Moore*, Jack Ihle, Elise Jones
CC-3	GHG Registry	Tom Moore*, Jack Ihle, Elise Jones
CC-4	Statewide GHG Reduction Goals and Targets	None yet; straw proposal to be developed by full CC PWG after quantification results become available from other PWGs
CC-5	State's Own GHG Emissions (Lead-by-Example)	Isaac Silverman*, Tom Looby, Helen Klanderud to provide designee for City of Aspen
CC-6	Comprehensive Local Government Climate Action Plans (Counties, Cities, etc.)	Tom Looby*, Nancy Sharpe, Lucinda Smith, Sarah Van Pelt
CC-7	Public Education and Outreach	Nancy Sharpe*, Matt Baker, Chris Crosby, Eric Kuhn, Tom Moore, Randy Udall
CC-8	Tax and Cap Policies**	Jack Ihle*, Elise Jones, Isaac Silverman
CC-9	Seek Funding for Implementation of Climate Action Panel Recommendations	Chris Crosby*, Jack Ihle, Elise Jones, Randy Udall
CC-10	Adaptation & Vulnerability	None; to be handled by a separate PWG.

\* Asterisk identifies the coordinator for the small group. Isaac Silverman replaced Barbara Roberts as CC TWG member prior to May 4 meeting of the CC PWG.

\*\* CAP decided during its May 3 meeting for this option to be quantified by other PWGs thus removing further consideration of this option by the CC PWG.

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