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DRAFT TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY
AFW Policy Working Group
Call #6, May 24, 2007

Members Attending:

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Mike Bowman
John Covert
Tom Fry
Susie Gordon
Tim Sullivan
Keith Paustian
Mike Ryan

Governmental agency liaisons: none

Rocky Mountain Climate Organization: Tom Easley

Center for Climate Strategies: Steve Roe, Katie Bickel

Agenda Item#1: Review of Call #5 Summary. CCS reviewed the call summary and noted that there were two items in the draft that needed to be completed by CCS (highlighted text under AFW-9 and 10). CCS will complete this text and repost the call summary. No other changes were requested by the PWG.

Agenda Item#2: Review of Status of CAP Process: CCS provided a slide on the 10-Step CAP Process and the point at which the process is currently (Step #4).

Agenda Item#3: Review of outcomes from the CAP Meeting on 5/22. CCS reported about the CAP meeting. The CAP provided approval of all PWG Straw Proposals. Additional consideration was requested by the CAP regarding pest-impacted forests (beetle-kill) under AFW-8. After lengthy discussion by the PWG, it was decided that pest-impacted acres should be considered under AFW-7, since the biomass removed would end up being used for energy recovery (removal of these trees is not expected to have a significant effect on forest productivity).

The discussion under AFW-8 will note that the issue of pest-impacted acres is being addressed under AFW-7. Under AFW-8, the goal language mentioning an increase in productivity to be achieved through fire risk reduction was removed. PWG members felt that thinning projects themselves would not result in increased productivity. Although, reducing the risk of future

stand replacement fires could impact productivity, the PWG felt that information would be lacking to quantify this benefit.

CCS also noted that the CAP had requested an urban tree program goal. PWG volunteers offered to review the recently issued goals for Denver and to offer up a set of goals for urban forestry for the State.

Agenda Item#4: Next Steps for the PWG. CCS reviewed the next steps for the PWG. PWG volunteers are asked to work off-line on the following sections of the policy template: Related Policies/Programs In Place; Implementation Mechanisms; Additional Benefits & Costs; and Feasibility Issues. CCS will begin drafting the following sections: Types of GHG Reductions; Estimated GHG Savings & Costs; and Key Uncertainties. PWG members are encouraged to develop and share materials for input to the Policy Options document off-line in coordination with the PWG lead volunteer for each option (see the information at the end of this document); and then to provide these materials to either Katie (Forestry Options) or Steve (Ag or Waste Options) to incorporate into the Options Document. PWG members are asked to complete these sections of the options within the next 4 weeks. Materials submitted by June 5 will be incorporated into the next version of the Options Document for review during the next PWG meeting. PWG members are also welcome to assist with the estimates of GHG reductions and costs if interested.

PWG members were encouraged to look at examples of policy options that were developed in other state processes. States that CCS has supported include North Carolina (http://www.ncclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry.cfm). This state process is nearing completion. Other States include Arizona and New Mexico (processes complete) and Vermont and Montana (these States are slightly ahead of CO in their processes). The website addresses for the other states are similar to NC, just substitute the appropriate state acronym.

Agenda Item#5: CO GHG Inventory & Forecast. CCS related that it had recently received some information on landfill emissions from a PWG member. This information indicated that the landfill methane emission estimates could be low (by about 20%). CCS will review the information and report back to the PWG on or before the next call.

CCS also reviewed the forestry inventory estimates. After some discussion, the PWG felt that the most recent USFS data used by CCS are the best data available. New data are available for agricultural soil carbon and other possible sources in a report prepared by a PWG member and shared with CCS earlier in the process. CCS will review and incorporate updated estimates where relevant (probably soil carbon fluxes and nitrous oxide emissions from soils).

Agenda Item#6: Agenda, Time and Date for Next Call.

Next CAP meeting: Late July or early August, 2007

Tentative PWG meeting dates: June 15 and July 13 (both from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM). At the next meeting, CCS will provide an updated options document with materials submitted by the

PWG volunteers and initial quantification of benefits and costs for a subset of the options by CCS.

Agenda Item#7: Public Input and Announcements. No members of the public present.

Preliminary Number	Revised Number	Preliminary Title	PWG Volunteers (lead volunteer in bold)
AFW-1	AFW-1	Agricultural Crop Management	Tony Frank ¹ , Mike Bowman, Keith Paustian
AFW-2	AFW-8	Forestry Programs to Enhance GHG Benefits	Mike Ryan , Tom Fry, Tim Sullivan
AFW-3	AFW-2	Manure Management and Energy Utilization	Mike Bowman, Meg Collins , Susie Gordon
AFW-4	AFW-6	Preserve Lands with Carbon Storage Value	Tim Sullivan , Tom Compton, Will Shafroth, Tom Fry
AFW-5	AFW-9	Prevent Landfilling of Unprocessed Organic Material	Susie Gordon , Eric Lombardi
AFW-6	AFW-10	Landfill Methane Energy Programs	Eric Lombardi , Susie Gordon
AFW-7	AFW-4	Biodiesel Production	Tony Frank¹ , Keith Paustian, John Ashworth
AFW-8	AFW-3	Reductions in On-Farm Energy Use	Tony Frank¹ , Tom Compton
AFW-9	AFW-7	Biomass Feedstocks for Energy Production	Mike Bowman , Mike Ryan, Tom Fry, Lynda Joyce
AFW-10	AFW-5	Ethanol Production	Keith Paustian , Tom Compton, Mike Bowman, Tony Frank, ¹ John Ashworth

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