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DRAFT TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY
AFW Policy Working Group
Call #9, August 9, 2007

Members Attending:

Tom Compton
Tom Fry
Susie Gordon
Mike Ryan
Tim Sullivan

Governmental agency liaisons: none

Rocky Mountain Climate Organization: Tom Easley

Center for Climate Strategies: Steve Roe, Brad Strode

Agenda Item#1: Review of Call #8 Summary. CCS reviewed the call summary. No changes were requested by the PWG.

Agenda Item#2: Review of Status of CAP Process: CCS asked PWG members to direct all further forestry-related communication to Steve Roe. Steve will be assisting the PWG with quantification of the forestry options from this point forward. CCS provided a slide on the 10-Step CAP Process and the point at which the process is currently (Step #4; Evaluate GHG reduction potential, cost effectiveness, and additional issues. Step #5; Identify barriers, alternative policy design needs). **CCS emphasized that there would only be one more PWG meetings for this CAP process (September 4, 2007). Attendance and contributions from PWG members is critical to production of the Policy Options Document needed by the CAP. PWG members need to provide any further input via the lead PWG volunteer for each option to Steve Roe and Brad Strode by Wednesday of next week. Areas of focus for PWG members on each option are the Implementation Mechanisms, Other Related Policies/Programs, and Additional Benefits and Costs sections.**

Agenda Item#3: Review of CAP Meeting on August 1, 2007: CCS notified the PWG that the CAP has not yet approved any of the policy options as complete recommendations. This makes it important for this PWG to work over the next two weeks to complete the Policy Options Document (POD).

Agenda Item#4: Review of Draft Policy Options Document. A PWG member motioned that, due to scheduling issues, that the forestry options be discussed first. CCS noted that the forestry

options would require the most in-depth work. Therefore, although the schedule for the meeting will be altered, the forestry options will need to be discussed off-line if members request more time to work on these options. A date for an additional forestry was discussed and set for Tuesday, August 14.

CCS, referring to the summary table on the first page of the POD, discussed the quantifications that have yet to be completed. Input from the PWG on the incomplete options quantifications is encouraged.

AFW-9: CCS told the PWG that initial quantification attempts have not yielded sensible results, due to a lack of data regarding business-as-usual (BAU) recycling. A PWG member agreed that the BAU recycling rate used by CCS was most likely too low. This PWG member will be having a conference call with a state recycling association in the next week. CCS also suggested that the PWG consider revising the goals for this option. CCS also drew the attention of the PWG to the "TBD" sections in blue highlights. PWG members with text to insert into these sections should send this text via e-mail to Steve Roe or Brad Strode. The sections that need additional text for AFW-9 are "Key Uncertainties" and "Additional Benefits and Costs."

AFW-10: CCS reviewed the quantification methods for this option and relayed the results of this assessment to the PWG. CCS requested that the implementation mechanisms for AFW-10 be revised to be more specific to landfill methane programs. These implementation mechanisms should be more focused on how to get landfill methane programs in-place, whether it is R&D, incentives, or standards that are necessary.

AFW-3: CCS is currently in the process of estimating the costs of initial investments necessary to achieve the targets of this option. Once CCS has completed this analysis, it will be provided to the PWG members working on this option for review.

AFW-6: A PWG member, who has been working on the forestry aspect of this option provided a review of work completed so far on this option. Currently the policy mechanisms are pointing towards a very complicated quantification process. This member stated that it might be necessary to use average costs and carbon contents to achieve an estimated carbon reduction and cost-effectiveness.

AFW-8: It was noted by RMCO that the CAP had requested that some mention of urban forestry be made as a part of this option. The remainder of this option will be discussed next week during the forestry call.

AFW-1: CCS requested additional data regarding the cost of implementation of nutrient management plans and/or no-till cultivation.

AFW-2: While the quantification of this option is completed, there is some additional language needed in the implementation mechanisms, additional benefits and costs, and key uncertainties. If the PWG members do not submit language for these sections, CCS will insert default text.

AFW-4, 5: CCS has received a report from UC Berkeley that might have an impact on the analysis that has been performed. After a further review of this report, CCS will make any necessary adjustments to the quantitative analysis of these options. Further discussion surrounded input from the CAP regarding the implementation of demand vs. supply side goals.

Agenda Item#5: Next Steps

Review the policy option to ensure that all sections highlighted in blue are filled. PWG members should be in contact with Steve Roe and Brad Strode.

Agenda Item#5: Agenda, Time and Date for Next Call.

September 4, 2007 from 1:00pm to 3:00 pm.

Agenda Item#6: 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 Frank ¹ , Keith Paustian, John Ashworth
AFW-8	AFW-3	Reductions in On-Farm Energy Use	Tony Frank ¹ , 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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