



**Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change**  
*State of Florida*

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**TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Government Policy**  
**Technical Working Group Call #2**  
**March 6, 2008**

**Members and Pending Members Attending:**

Carolyn Dekle	Daniel O'Keefe	David Bates
Deena Wells-Reppen	Dr. James Fenton	Joe McClash
Pegeen Hanrahan	Mimi Drew	Steve Urse for Pam McVety
R.E. LeMon	Rich Unger	Sheri Coven

Susan Glickman

**Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP):** Bruce Deterding  
**Office of Trade, Tourism and Economic Development (OTTED):** Keisha Rice  
**Florida Department of Transportation:** Cathy Neal  
**Florida Department of Health:** Daniel Parker, Bart Bibler  
**Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):** Jeff Wennberg  
**Members of the Public:** Theresa Conner (Sarasota City), Natalie Smith (Florida P&L), Lisa Scolls, Sandra Kling (City of Clearwater)

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**Agenda Item#1: Introductions and Review of Agenda.**

Jeff Wennberg welcomed the technical working group members, DEP staff, and the public. Jeff then called the roll of the TWG members and invited Florida State staff and the members of the public to introduce themselves and their association.

**Agenda Item#2: Review Purpose and Goals.**

Jeff Wennberg reviewed the meeting agenda, purpose and goals of the call.

**Agenda Item#3: Review and Approval of Call #1 Summary.**

Jeff Wennberg asked for corrections to the draft summary of meeting #1. There were several corrections of misspellings of names, and the summary was approved without objection.

***Plans and Planners Document Discussion.***

Bruce Deterding explained that the draft “*Florida Plans and Planners*” document was being revised with input from several agencies and a new draft would be available before the next call. There were questions concerning language about the 10 RPCs, and Bruce said it would be included. It was also pointed out that there were at least 25 counties with their own environmental regulatory authority, and that these should also be included in the document. It was decided that the document would remain a draft for a while longer as other revisions are considered.

**Agenda Item #4: Development of Florida Government Policy Catalog of State’s Actions.**

Jeff Wennberg explained that the purpose of the call was to look for government-policy or cross-cutting opportunities to reduce GHG emissions with policies or measures that are not covered by the starting catalog. The TWG should present an expanded catalog to the Action Team in their meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Action Team would be encouraged to add still more options and approve the expanded catalog as the basis for the TWG to recommend priorities.

The TWG then discussed the catalog section by section and decided to modify or add policy options as follows:

*Under GP-1, Inventories, Reporting and Registries*

Add new option, 1.7; Create “Environmental Attribute Registry” to certify GHG emission reductions, carbon credits, water pollution credits or other efforts within market-based environmental programs.

*Under GP-2, Energy/Climate Government Policy Coordination*

Add the words “Develop and” to 2.10; Develop and Implement regional climate reduction initiatives.

Add new option, 2.13; Establish incentive programs for local governments to undertake inventories and GHG reduction programs.

Add new option, 2.14; Provide technical support to local governments to enable them to access federal funding for inventories and GHG reductions.

Add new option, 2.15; Work with local governments to establish a standardized methodology for emissions measurement and reporting, and fund software licenses.

Add new option, 2.16; State seek ways to claim carbon credits for individual actions pursuant to state incentives and use proceeds to further reward GHG reduction efforts by homeowners

Add new option, 2.17; Offer incentive points for competitive state-to-local grant programs (FDOT, Regional Councils, Parks, etc.) for communities that have undertaken GHG-reduction programs.

Add new option, 2.18; Study and encourage governments to change the basis of measurement to incorporate GHG reduction as a priority (e.g., vehicle fleets: record and report VMT and MPG and estimate GHG emissions, rather than just MPG).

Add new option, 2.19; Diversified mass transportation planning between local, state and regional agencies.

*Under GP-3, Government Leadership by Example*

Under 3.6, add the phrase “including a study of renewable potential;” Review sources of renewable energy, including a study of renewable potential.

Under 3.7, add the words “and use of public transit;” Promote Carpooling and use of public transit by State Employees.

Add new option, 3.14; Lead by example by encouraging government agencies to share and implement policies and actions to reduce GHG emissions, improve our environment, and promote healthier lifestyles.

Add new option, 3.15; Conduct a comprehensive review of state policies with respect to public investments and land use changes (high school sites require huge footprint, highway policies, etc.).

Add a new option, 3.16; Create a property tax exemption for the value of energy efficiency improvements on properties.

Add a new option, 3.17; Ban deforestation and disturbance of public lands by 2020.

Add a new option, 3.18; Examine state agency programs that promote energy intensive activities (i.e., water pumping, desalinization).

Add a new option, 3.19; Revise state food purchasing and production to reduce transportation emissions (for prisons, universities, etc.).

Add a new option, 3.20; Renewable energy demonstration projects in state parks.

*Under GP-4, Greening Florida’s Economy*

Under 4.4, add the words “or designate”; Create or designate an entity to promote business development opportunities in climate protection.

Add a new option, 4.9; Offer incentive points for competitive state-to-business economic development grant programs for businesses that have undertaken GHG-reduction programs.

*Under GP-5, Education and Outreach*

Add a new option, 5.7; Governor’s conservation challenge initiative to motivate all Floridians to reduce their energy consumption.

Add a new option, 5.8; Take advantage of *Volunteer Florida* “Serve to Preserve” for residential energy efficiency and renewable outreach.

During the discussion Carolyn Dekle said she had served on a commission staffed by DEP 5 or 6 years ago that had been chaired by Wade Hobby. The commission studied emissions trading in Florida and its recommendations may be helpful to the TWG or the Action Team. Carolyn and DEP agreed to look for the report and share it with the group.

**Agenda Item#5: Development of Florida Emissions Inventory & Forecast.**

Jeff Wennberg explained that the Inventory and Forecast was still under review and would not be available for committee review until a later meeting.

**Agenda Item#6: Review of Next Steps.**

Jeff reviewed the next steps for the Action Team and the next TWG calls:

- Receive the expanded catalog from the Action Team
- Rate the options for GHG reduction potential and Cost
- Set recommended priorities for further analysis through a balloting process that will be explained later
- Review and comment on the Inventory and Forecast

**Agenda Item#7: Agenda, Time and Date for Next Meetings.**

The next meeting of the GP TWG is scheduled for Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM EST.

**Agenda Item#9: Public Comments and Announcements.**

There were no public comments.

There being no further comments or announcements, Jeff adjourned the call at 11:07 am.