



Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change
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TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY

**Government Policy
Technical Work Group Call #1
February 28, 2008**

Members and Pending Members Attending:

Carolyn Dekle	Daniel O'Keefe	Senator Lawson
David Bates	Deena Wells-Reppen	Dr. James Fenton
Joe McClash	Kevin Thibault	Pegeen Hanrahan
Mimi Drew	Pam McVety	R.E. LeMon
Rich Unger	Sheri Coven	Susan Glickman
Greg Krasovsky (for Tommy Boroughs)	David Ash	

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): Bruce Deterding, Teresa Mussetto

Office of Trade, Tourism and Economic Development (OTTED): Keisha Rice

Center for Climate Strategies (CCS): Jeff Wennberg

Members of the Public: Linda Branning, Theresa Conner, Mort Buttrell, Natalie Smith, Lisa Cole, Tim Perry, Rhonda Roff, Petra LePage

Agenda Item#1: Introductions and Review of Agenda.

Jeff Wennberg welcomed the technical working group members, DEP staff, and the public. Jeff introduced Bruce Deterding of the Florida DEP, who will support the efforts of the technical work group on behalf of the DEP. 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: Florida Sunshine Laws Briefing.

Teresa Mussetto, an attorney at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), presented a briefing on the Florida Sunshine Laws. The Sunshine Law applies whenever two or more members of the technical working group meet to discuss, deliberate, or take action on matters which will foreseeably come before this group. In the event that these criteria are met, reasonable notice of the meeting must be provided to the public. Notice must provide the time and manner in which interested persons can attend. Newspaper announcements may be required. Adjourning a meeting to a subsequent date must also be announced. Written minutes must be prepared and promptly made available. Minutes need not be verbatim, but must provide a summary of the meeting. Members of the public must be given the opportunity to participate in the meeting in a meaningful way. Technical working group members may speak to one another, or to members of the Action Team, but may not discuss matters that may foreseeably come before the group for discussion. Members may prepare written reports or proposals and distribute them to the committee but the communication must be one-way and any conversation or discussion can only take place within the warned meeting. Finally, meetings conducted in person must allow the public to audio or video tape the proceedings as long as it is done in a non-disruptive fashion.

Agenda Item #4: Review of Action Team and Technical Work Group (TWG) process.

Jeff Wennberg directed everyone to the PowerPoint and walked through the slides, summarizing the three executive orders that initiated these efforts and established the greenhouse gas GHG reduction targets. Jeff also listed the Action Team Phase I recommendations including the one that called for the stakeholder process that the committee is now engaged in.

Jeff then went through a series of slides explaining the structure of the process including roles and responsibilities, the function of the technical work groups, the work groups themselves and their issue areas and the ground rules.

This was followed by the process schedule and approach, including the schedule of Action Team and TWG meetings, an explanation of how the process was designed to seek - but not require - consensus, and a discussion of the principles of transparency, full coverage of issues, the criteria for making decisions and the manner in which decisions will be reported, including a statement of the level of support and a summary of the basis of disagreement where it exists.

Jeff then reviewed a slide explaining the catalog of state's actions. He then explained that each of the technical work groups had a range of types of policy recommendations available including codes and standards, market mechanisms, voluntary agreements, funding mechanisms, technical and financial assistance, information and education, demonstration projects and reporting and disclosure.

The next slide showed an agriculture example of the catalog and how the options were screened and priorities assigned by the committee and the Action Team. Pam McVety expressed concern that the cost of the option would be calculated but there didn't appear to be consideration of the cost of failing to implement the measure. Jeff explained that each option also has a place reserved for "Other Considerations" which would include feasibility issues, 'externalities' and co-benefits. This would be the best place to flag the indirect benefits or costs of any action.

Bruce Deterding explained that a number of the catalog policies have been identified at the Action Team level, and that the analysis will include 'life cycle costs'. Jeff explained that the two analysis dates are 2017 and 2025 to line up with the targets, and that costs and GHG reductions will also be generated on a cumulative basis from 2008 – 2025. The cumulative cost or cost savings will be expressed as net present value.

Pam McVety asked about the measure of million metric tons of CO₂ equivalent (MMtCO₂e) and how that related to parts per million as typically expressed in regulations. Jeff deferred comment until the committee had an opportunity to review the Inventory and Forecast in a future meeting.

Jeff continued with the overview, explaining the policy option template and the work the members will do to develop the policy proposals. He then summarized the contents of the final report.

Mimi Drew asked how the GP TWG was going to conduct the analysis when so many of their options tend not be technical, unlike the other TWGs. Jeff explained that the GP TWG will likely emphasize more qualitative analysis in their policy discussions, which does in fact make the TWG different from most others.

Pegeen Hanrahan Asked about overlapping policies, using a transportation example, which could easily fit in either the transportation TWG or the GP TWG. Jeff explained that this was not uncommon. He said that each TWG should feel free to pursue any option they believe fits on their plate, but it was up to the Action Team to sort out conflicts and make assignments.

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

Jeff summarized the Inventory and Forecast, explaining that while DEP had done a great deal of work on this in Phase I, it would likely be a work in progress from this point forward. He showed a graph breaking out historical emission by sector and projecting them into the future. He then showed a slide showing how Florida's actions to date had reduced projected emissions, and the gap still remaining to reach the state's goals in 2017 and 2025. He explained that one of the Action Team's jobs was to recommend policies and measures that could close that gap.

Agenda Item#6: Development of Florida Catalog of States' Actions.

Jeff gave a brief overview of the Government Policy Catalog of States' Actions. He explained that the members should review the catalog and think of policy measures within the broad categories that are not listed for a discussion in the next meeting. Bruce Deterding described a document that would be forwarded before the next call summarizing Florida's "Plans and Planners." The document lists and briefly describes the state agency, regional and local planning bodies and documents. Bruce suggested that this might help suggest opportunities to improve how Florida incorporates climate change issues into its various planning efforts.

Agenda Item#7: Review of Next Steps.

Jeff reviewed the next steps for the next TWG call, including:

- Review "Plans and Planning Bodies" document; consider opportunities for improved coordination
- Review and expand catalogs of potential state actions

Agenda Item#8: Agenda, Time and Date for Next Meetings.

The next meeting of the GP TWG is scheduled for Thursday March 6th 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM EST.

Agenda Item#9: Public Comments and Announcements.

Rhonda Roff asked about the process for the public to receive and submit documents. Jeff explained that all documents used by the TWG will be posted on the Government Policy web page. Any document submitted for consideration by the TWG should be sent to Bruce Deterding.

There being no further comments or announcements, Jeff adjourned the call at 11:13AM.