



**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 #4**  
**May 1, 2008**

**Members and Pending Members Attending:**

Carolyn Dekle	Daniel O'Keefe	David Bates
David Ash	Dr. James Fenton	R.E. LeMon
Pegeen Hanrahan	Deena Wells-Reppen	Steve Urse for Pam McVety
Susan Glickman	Rich Unger	Loretta Cronk for Carolyn Dekle
Timothy Hernandez	Keisha Rice	

**Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP):** Bruce Deterding  
**Florida Department of Transportation:** Cathy Neal  
**Florida Department of Transportation:** Yvonne Arens  
**Florida Public Service Commission:** Paul Lowrey  
**Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission:** Doug Parsons  
**Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):** Jeff Wennberg  
**Members of the Public:** Natalie Smith (Florida P&L), Lisa Scolls, Rhonda Roff, Robert Armstead, Bob Krasowski, Tessa LeSage

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

Jeff Wennberg welcomed the technical working group members, DEP and Florida 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.

Jim Fenton expressed concern that that other TWGS were not including policies that the GP TWG might want to see considered. He mentioned the Renewable Portfolio Standard, the Environmental Portfolio Standard and the Public Benefits Funding. Deena Reppen

asked if the TWG needed to recommend funding sources. Jeff said they were not required to do so, but could if they wanted.

Bruce Deterding pointed out that the comprehensive Energy Bill was passed yesterday and that some of these policies are incorporated in that legislation.

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

Jeff Wennberg asked for corrections to the draft summary of meeting #3. There were no objections to posting the draft summary as approved.

Before going to Agenda item #4, Jeff invited Bruce to summarize the Energy Bill. Bruce walked through the major sections of the bill, with special focus on the areas of interest to the GP TWG. He explained that the bill was over 200 pages long and there would be much more to share after it had been thoroughly studied. Bruce said that DEP was preparing a comprehensive summary of the bill organized around the jurisdiction of each TWG. He said the documents would be available in the near future.

A member of the TWG asked whether they should continue to pursue policies that had already been enacted. Bruce said that in some cases the committee might want to focus on other priorities. He said that the committee could provide very timely guidance in the area of state, regional and local planning coordination.

**Agenda Item #4: Review of Balloting Results for Selection of Recommended Priority Policies**

Jeff walked through the results of the priority balloting and explained that the TWG should look for opportunities to further bundle or reorganize the list to make sure no critical policies get left behind.

R. E. LeMon Pointed out that the policies receiving 4 or more votes fell into one of four broad policy areas:

1. Goals, targets and accountability systems;
2. Inter-sector planning;
3. Improving public awareness;
4. Product promotion.

Jim Fenton asked Bruce what areas the Legislature did not address, and Bruce said there was a long list of items that did not make it into the final bill, and still others are addressed only partially. He pointed out that nothing in the bill addressed 5.5, increasing general public awareness, for example.

R.E. said he thought the TWG should not lose important items just because they were covered in the legislation.

## Agenda Item#5: Selection of Recommended Policy Priorities

The TWG then engaged in a wide discussion of which policies belonged within each of R.E.'s four categories. The committee agreed to the following:

- 2.1+1.1+1.2: Establish goals or targets for statewide GHG emission reductions; review and revise on a periodic basis. Expand GHG to include RE & Energy use reductions; include incentives. Establish and fund mandatory GHG emission reporting, inventory and forecasting functions at state agency; participate in The Climate Registry, provide technical assistance to reporters and encourage participation. Institute an accountability program to measure and report progress in reducing GHG emissions.
- 5.5+5.9+5.6: Target Audience: General Public; Increase awareness and engage in climate actions in personal and professional lives. This includes future generations, and community-based organizations, business leaders and visitors; implementation methods to include a Governor's conservation challenge initiative to motivate all Floridians to reduce their energy consumption and take advantage of *Volunteer Florida* "Serve to Preserve" for residential energy efficiency and renewable outreach.
- 2.13+2.19+ 3.9+5.2: Establish incentives or mandate programs for local governments to undertake inventories and GHG reduction programs for local government planning, facilities and operations; provide technical support to local governments to enable them to access federal funding for inventories and GHG reductions; work with local governments to establish a standardized methodology for emissions measurement and reporting, and fund software licenses; provide information and education to policy makers at the state and local levels. Coordinate diversified mass transportation planning between local, state and regional agencies for GHG reduction benefits, working from the "Plans and Planners" document prepared earlier.
- 4.4+4.1+4.2: Create or designate an entity to promote business development opportunities in climate protection including seeking or stimulating funding investments; institute a "business incubator" program to attract and support new business development relating to the new energy economy; state to offer incentive points for competitive state-to-business economic development grant programs for businesses that have undertaken GHG-reduction programs. Promote business and job development in alternative, low carbon fuels and vehicles, and other alternative, low carbon technologies.

Jim Fenton said the policy groupings needed short 3-word titles, and Jeff said he would propose some headline titles for the TWG's consideration.

**Agenda Item #6: Review of Inventory and Forecast.**

Jeff indicated that these documents were still under review and might be ready before the next call.

**Agenda Item#7: Review of Next Steps.**

Jeff reviewed the next steps for the Action Team and the next TWG calls, including a review of the Inventory and Forecast.

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

The next meeting of the GP TWG is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am EDT.

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

Tesa Lesage from Johnson Engineering asked whether the Florida Energy Bill summary would be posted. Jeff said once it had been approved by DEP it would be posted to the web site.

Rhonda Roff applauded the TWG's decision to recommend including an education campaign for policy makers. She then asked where a Distributed Generation policy would be considered. Jeff said it was in the Energy Supply and Demand catalog.

Susan Glickman said that she thought the GP TWG might want to reference this policy in some fashion, leaving the development to ESD. She asked if the GP TWG could make such a statement. Jeff explained that the Action Team will make all the final decisions and that the development of a DG policy would certainly have to take place in ESD due to the needed expertise, but if the GP TWG wanted to advise the Action Team regarding your views on the policy you are certainly free to do so. Susan asked that the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Bob Kresowsky (public) supported the inclusion of Demand Side Management and said ESD was addressing it to some degree. He said he appreciated the discussion on today's call.

**Agenda Item#10: Announcements.**

There being no further comments or announcements, Jeff adjourned the call at 11:20 am.