



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

Government Policy
Technical Working Group Call #5
May 14, 2008

Members and Pending Members Attending:

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| Daniel O'Keefe | David Bates | Dr. James Fenton |
| Joe McClash | Keisha Rice | Pegeen Hanrahan |
| Sheri Coven | R.E. LeMon | Rich Unger |
| Tom Swihart for Mimi Drew | Steve Urse for Pam McVety | Susan Glickman |

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): Bruce Deterding

Florida Department of Transportation: Yvonne Arens

Center for Climate Strategies (CCS): Jeff Wennberg

Members of the Public: Rhonda Roff, Alyssa Brown, Bob Krasowski, Tessa LeSage, Marshall Gilmore, Isabel Cosio-Carballo and Brian Traylor (South Florida Regional Planning Council)

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.

Agenda Item#3: Review and Approval of Call #4 Summary.

Jeff Wennberg asked for corrections to the draft summary of meeting #4. The following names were spelled incorrectly: Yvonne Arens, Tessa LeSage, Bob Krasowski. The name Keisha LeSage also appeared but should not have. Finally, the discussion under the third major policy included reference to the "Plans and Planners" documents and the need to review the roles and relationships of these entities relative to climate change issues.

With these changes the summary for Meeting #4 was approved.

Agenda Item #4: Review of Draft Tier 1 Policy Recommendations

R.E. LeMon suggested adding the following to GP-4: “Foster research and development associated with GHG emission reduction, renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.” It was also suggested that some reference in GP-4 should be made to the entities that exist or are created by the Energy Bill. Finally, it was decided to include a reference to workforce training under the ‘promote job development’ section.

Under GP-1, Joe McClash suggested a reference to include the programs established under GP-4 among the accountability section. It was pointed out that the language at the beginning of the description was unclear. It should be restated to suggest a process to review and revise the goals as progress is made into the future.

Steve Urse asked about the distributed generation policy. Jeff explained that it was in the ESD TWG.

Pegeen Hanrahan pointed out that some policies provide far greater benefits than others and what was needed was a ‘sense of scale’, pointing out that the City of Gainesville made major efforts in the area of public transit with the expectation of saving 6,300 TPY of CO₂, but that a forest preservation efforts could save 63,000 TPY and switching to energy efficient transformers 19,000 TPY. Jeff explained that those policies that will be quantified will have exactly that kind of analysis, along with costs.

Jeff Wennberg said he would revise the document and distribute for TWG comment before finalizing it for presentation to the Action Team on the 29th and 30th.

Agenda Item#5: Update of Florida Emissions Inventory and Forecast

Jeff explained that there were still issues with Finalizing the Inventory and Forecast. Instead, he offered the time to Bruce to provide a preview of the governor’s second energy and climate change summit to be held at the end of the month of June. Bruce reviewed the draft agenda and pointed out that the main focus of the of the summit was the ‘greening’ of the Florida economy and using Florida’s response to the energy and climate change challenge as an opportunity for job creation and the creation of new clean industries.

Agenda Item #6: Presentation of Oregon’s Success in Fostering a “Green” Growth Economy

Jeff Wennberg introduced Nathan Buehler, Marketing & Communications Manager at Oregon Economic & Community Development Department.

Nathan began by explaining Oregon's historical connection between the economy and the environment through the timber industry. He pointed out that with only 3.8 million people Oregon could not compete with Florida or other large states for R&D, so they had focus on their competitive advantages. These included an image of being 'green,' and a significant existing industry in microchip manufacturing, which is akin to photovoltaic manufacturing.

Oregon has invested heavily in building a PV manufacturing industry based upon the existing skilled workforce and relatively low power costs due to hydropower. They increased a business energy tax credit to 50% of the capital cost up to \$14 million, and they made the credit transferrable so small businesses without a tax obligation could sell the credits for cash. This brought in 500 jobs and they expect it to grow to 1500 in the next three years. At that time Oregon will be home to the largest PV manufacturing industry in North America.

Oregon has one of the most aggressive RPS' in the U.S. at 25%. This is encouraging the creation of wind farms and ocean wave investments, with prototypes in place. They also invested in the professional development of design professionals and there are now 262 green building projects underway. They view the development of this expertise as responding to a global need.

The Governor is also looking at C&T policies and is working with the Western Climate Initiative. Nathan added that the Oregon Business Council sponsored a conference focused on sustainability, adding that the business community is an important partner in this effort.

There was an extended discussion with questions from the TWG members. Some of the key answers were, Oregon has a prevailing electric power cost of between 5 and 7 cents per KWH; Oregon has no general sales tax; Oregon has a utility fee to fund energy efficiency and renewable energy programs; facility siting regulatory efforts are integrated in Oregon.

Distributed Generation Discussion

Susan Glickman expressed concern that distributed generation was not included in the recommended policies. Jeff explained that the jurisdiction was the ESD TWG. Susan asked if the GP TWG could express support for the DG policy. Jeff explained that they could send a memo to the ESD TWG and the Action Team if they wished. He asked if anyone on the TWG would object to drafting up a memo for email distribution and review by the TWG, with the expectation that it would be sent to the ESD and Action Team. There was none. Susan said she would draft something up and send it to Jeff. Jeff said he would edit the draft and circulate for comment. If supported by those comments it would be forwarded as a recommendation of the GP TWG.

Agenda Item#7: Review of Next Steps.

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

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

The next meeting of the GP TWG is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am EDT.

Agenda Item#9: Public Comments.

Marshall Gilmore, an attorney from Winter park who had lived and worked in Oregon said he was impressed by what the TWG was doing. He asked the TWG to emphasize the importance of public awareness and attitudes. He said GP-2 was critical in this regard.

Rhonda Roff asked about integrated resource planning and whether the newly created commission was going to look at it. Bruce Deterding said the group was transferred to the Environment and Climate Commission, and although there were no immediate plans for IRP, it might be a recommendation from the ESD TWG. Rhonda observed that it might require a restructure of the PSC.

Bob Krasowski said the PSC had sponsored workshops on Distributed Generation and other issues, including a public benefits fund. He pointed out that there is a Florida tax for new nuclear power of \$5 per month, and he suggested that the funds might be better spent otherwise.

Agenda Item#10: Announcements.

Pegeen Hanrahan announced that the Florida Association of Counties will be meeting at the same time as the Governor's Summit on the 24th of June, and she said there would be workshops for mayors and counties that are working toward a GHG reduction commitment.

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