



Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change
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DRAFT TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY
Government Policy
Technical Working Group Call #6
June 17, 2008

Members Attending:

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| Carolyn Dekle | Daniel O'Keefe | David Ash |
| Marcia Kivett (for Deena Wells-Reppen) | Dr. James Fenton | Keisha Rice |
| Kevin Thibault | Pam McVety | R.E. LeMon |
| Rich Unger | Susan Glickman | Tommy Borroughs (Rob Vickers completed call) |

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): Bruce Deterding
Florida Department of Transportation: Huiwei Shen
Center for Climate Strategies (CCS): Jeff Wennberg, Linda Schade, June Taylor and Katie Pasko
Members of the Public: Isabel Cosio-Carballo and Brian Traylor (South Florida Regional Planning Council), Steve Urse, Andra Cornelius (Workforce Florida), Lisa Scolls, Nina Powers

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.

June Taylor explained that due to a storm in the Washington, D.C. area the service that provides the Action Team web site has been shut down. This has made it impossible for members of the public to access the documents for the call. In place of the web site a webinar was being hastily arranged and instructions for participation were given to those on the call. It was subsequently announced just as the webinar began that the web site was once again on line.

Agenda Item#2: Review Purpose and Goals.

Jeff Wennberg reviewed the meeting agenda, purpose and goals for the call. He explained that the main objective was to review the rough draft straw policy proposals assembled by staff from the catalog and other state processes and provide guidance to TWG volunteers who would then redraft the policies for consideration in the next call.

Agenda Item#3: Review and Approval of Call #5 Summary.

Jeff Wennberg asked for corrections to the draft summary of meeting #4. The word 'heaved' was corrected to be 'heavily' and a typo was fixed in the word 'Gainesville'.

With these changes the summary for Meeting #5 was approved.

Agenda Item #4: Report Back on Action Team Meeting #3

Jeff Wennberg reported that the Action Team provided approval of all four GP proposed priority options and added 3.12 Core Competencies as GP-5 to the Top Tier.

Agenda Item #5: Develop Straw Policy Description and Design Proposals

Jeff Wennberg presented the process of drafting straw policies in which TWG members write draft language for the policy template to be reviewed by the full TWG on the next call. Sample text was included for each GP policy in the Draft Straw Policy Options document to assist TWG discussion and TWG members who step forward to further flesh out one of the five GP Priority Options.

There was a brief discussion about whether the TWG felt that the full range of issues has been covered which noted that the Action Team is to look at both climate change and energy. It was decided that the titles needed to be short and comprehensive, with an opening sentence that filled in the general details.

The TWG agreed to change the title of GP-1 from "GHG emissions targets, reporting and accountability measures" to "Targets, reporting, funding and accountability measures". GP-5 was changed from "Introduce core competencies on climate change into professional licensing programs" to "Introduce Core Competencies into professional licensing programs".

Jeff Wennberg put the TWG's work in context explaining that by the end of the Action Team process, the final version of the TWGs policy documents will be an appendix in the Final Report and will provide the official record and context for policymakers, agency staff and the public on the intent of the TWG and Action Team a year from now and beyond.

Jim Fenton observed that one component which could be added is how the policies will be paid for. Another member agreed and suggested that information be added on how

other states have funded these activities. Pam McVety agreed that information from other states would be useful though acknowledged it creates significant extra work. Fenton commented that the most useful information would allow a cost-benefit comparison of policies i.e. whether funding energy efficiency for homes vs. building a new power plant be more effective. This would be especially important given historical misunderstanding about the cost effectiveness of energy efficiency and would take into account the changed reality of higher fuel prices.

Jeff Wennberg explained that one of the largest area of negative costs (i.e. savings) and environmental benefit is in the Energy Demand section.

Jim Fenton remarked that in the renewable energy power arena, while PVs are now more expensive than getting coal electrons at first glance, if you take cost of plant building or a new nuclear plant that assumption might change.

GP-1 GHG Emissions Targets, Reporting And Accountability Measures

Pam McVety, commenting on the GP-1 Design section, observed that the text implies that GP-1 only applies to government. There was a full discussion about the scope of GP-1. There was concern expressed regarding the last bullet under the design regarding state and local GHG reduction targets. The concern was that this needed to go beyond these government operations and instead have an economy-wide focus.

Jim Fenton volunteered to incorporate the input and lead the drafting of GP-1.

(Tommy had to leave the call but Rob Vikers remained on his behalf.)

GP-2 Public Awareness and Education

Jeff Wennberg agreed to contact R.E. LeMon as a lead drafter for GP-2 Straw Policy.

Specifically under goals, a suggestion was made to include local and regional governments as a target audience. Also support was expressed for periodic assessment and that urgency be added to the language of all five GP policies perhaps quoting the IPCC reports and the Governor's reduction goals.

There was discussion that the most effective approach might be to foster leadership and empowerment. People don't know they can do anything.

GP-3 – Inter-Government And Inter-Sector Planning Coordination And Assistance

Isabel Cosio-Carballo agreed to work with Bruce Deterding and Susan Glickman on drafting GP-3. The need for urgency also should be added in GP-3. There is also a role for local governments in how they review projects, perhaps adding that government agencies 'ask the climate question.' It was suggested that the climate policy issue be part

of the consideration of a much wider range of government decisions – education, community affairs, etc.

It was suggested that examples to help people visualize the policy would be helpful. Also there are excellent examples of communities that are greening their communities which could be usefully cited in GP-3.

Jeff invited Bruce Deterding to comment on GP-3. Bruce commented that the real friction is between state and local government and who is going to make the decisions. There are local government representatives on the Action Team who are alert to taking away decision making power from local governments.

Isabel shared with the TWG that the upcoming survey of municipalities in Miami-Dade will be an inventory of what is going on locally and be a resource for the TWG. She will forward information. She said that many local governments are ahead of state government and that what is needed is a framework for what are the most effective steps for local government. ‘We need to make a statement that there is a lot of work underway in cities on and that the state needs to add value to what local governments are already doing.’ Staff and resources are needed. There are plans to bring Florida cities together to share information. She will send a link to *Consumers Guide to Effective Environmental Choices*. DCA was suggested.

GP-4 “Green” Business Development Policies

Andra Cornelius from Workforce Florida and Susan Glickman will work with Bruce to draft GP-4.

Pam McVety again asked that language be amended to build in more urgency. Andra Cornelius asked whether it was clear to the public what a green job is? Perhaps we need to distinguish between green manufacturing and new green economy skills. How can we best prepare the next generation of Floridians (i.e. training)? A second point is that if we only look at entrepreneurial we will miss some opportunities and we would benefit from looking more broadly.

Another TWG member suggest that a review of NYSERDA would be a useful resource.

GP-5 – Introduce Core Competencies On Climate Change Into Professional Licensing Programs

Rich Unger agreed to draft GP-5.

Agenda Item#6 Public Comment

Bob Krasowski – from Florida Climate group. Much of what we are talking about has a large amount of background information. We need to have a complete profile of all of

our options so we can prioritize them. However, we need to look at more than energy and climate and we should be looking at sustainability and quality of life. We need to look more broadly than just CO2 emissions. Before we start advocating nuclear we should determine if renewables can do the job.

A TWG member stated that he feels the TWG's work is going well and that it is on the right track.

Agenda Item#7: Next Steps

The next meeting of the GP TWG is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am EDT.

There being no further comments or announcements, Linda adjourned the call at 11:10 am.