



Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change

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DRAFT TELECONFERENCE MEETING SUMMARY

Government Policy

Technical Work Group Call #9

July 24, 2008

Members Attending:

Jim Fenton	Tommy Boroughs	Pam McVety
Joe McClash	Brian Traylor for Carolyn Dekle	Deena Wells-Reppen
Timothy Hernandez	Robert Armstead for Susan Glickamn	Sheri Coven
Daniel O'Keefe	Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan	

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): Bruce Deterding, Tom Swihart

Florida Department of Transportation: Yvonne Arens

Center for Climate Strategies (CCS): Jeff Wennberg and Linda Schade

Members of the Public: Steve Urse, Marcia (?), Alisa Brown for Andra Cornelius, Rhonda Roff

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 which was to review and approve the five GP options for the TWG to put forward to the Action Team for Meeting #5.

Agenda Item #3: Review and Approval of Call #8 Summary.

Jeff Wennberg asked for corrections to the draft summary of Meeting #8.

It was suggested that the words 'more recently' be removed from the second paragraph under GP-3.

There were also two name corrections and then the summary for Meeting #8 was approved.

Agenda Item #4: Review, Revise, and Approve Straw Policies

Jeff Wennberg reported that the main task of Call #9 is to review, revise and approve the Straw Policies which have been updated pursuant to the conversation from the last call.

One exception is that R. E. LeMon accepted the assignment to re-draft GP-2 and he is still working on that but should have it in by COB tomorrow.

GP-1. GHG Emissions Targets, Reporting and Accountability Measures

The version under review has had several items moved from goals to implementation mechanisms; state, local and regional has been inserted as needed.

It was suggested that solar initiatives being implemented in Europe could be included as a table. Under Related Policies and Programs it was observed that there is an active proposal in the MI legislature on feed-in tariffs.

There was a general discussion on how to track and report GHG emissions reduction progress for the public. It was concluded that standard measures of fuel consumption and corresponding GHG changes should be tracked regularly and reported in a simple, graphical manner such as the 'United Way' thermometer. The PSC might have kWh consumption statistics, DOT and the Department of Revenue will have transportation fuel consumption statistics, and CCS is developing a desktop tool to track estimates of the fuel efficiency of the Florida motor vehicle fleet which could show how people are changing their emissions through new and used vehicle purchases.

GP-2. Public Awareness and Education

It was pointed out that the Action Team had added religious leaders to the list of "other target audiences."

There was a discussion about both religious and non-religious NGOs that are engaged in public awareness and education on this issue. Several folks on the call offered to provide lists of organizations that could be included as examples in the POD.

In addition, Bruce Deterding offered to provide a list of organizations that have developed climate-related curricula for use in classrooms.

GP-3. Inter-Government and Inter-Sector Planning, Coordination and Assistance

The Action Team has indicated an interest in incorporating the involvement of religious organizations in this policy but the TWG decided that that policy was exclusively inter-government, and proposed instead to include these organizations in GP-2. It was decided that "Inter-sector" should be removed from the title.

A list of near-term proposals was moved from the 'goals' to Implementation Mechanisms. This list still needs to be fleshed out. State, regional and local was added throughout. The policy was reorganized by moving text from policy description and design to implementation and related policy programs.

There was a general discussion on the Policy Design section and questions were raised regarding the role of the RPC's as proposed. The concern was that the RPCs lacked the authority and perhaps the resources to fulfill the defined role. It was suggested that the RPCs needed to be fully involved but that the direct responsibility needed to be shared among entities or housed elsewhere. Some thought the DEP and DCA should have a more central role. It was agreed that Sheri Coven and Brian Traylor should take the language back and propose a redraft. Sheri would also check with Secretary Pelham.

Related Policies and Programs should make a mention of the 67 Mayor's challenges and 8 counties that are already undertaking GHG reduction efforts. It was pointed out that the clearinghouse resource guide and the availability of Volunteer Florida manpower should be included.

The following are other concepts that were discussed:

- Future land use plans under HB 697 must consider GHG impacts when looking at land use and transportation;
- Municipalities need standard mechanisms for creating baselines;
- We need to hold local governments accountable for their emissions;
- Water management districts are being discussed in Adaptation and should be in this bullet;
- There is no definition of sprawl Maybe this could have a bullet.
- 'The Comprehensive Planning Process offers a consistent venue and format for this effort throughout the state.' Could this become a new bullet?
- Moving to last bullet: Need to change last sentence on roles and expectations. Structure differently DCA, RPCs need to work out redrafting these sections.
- Mandates and incentives; there needs to be an affirmative statement that mandates on local governments will be funded by the state
- The proposed energy development block grant has been approved by Congress but has not been funded; some are confident it will be funded in the new administration. Acknowledge this in text. Facilitate the locals and counties do everything to apply for these grants.
- Identify and promote the top five ideas for effective actions for local governments to create greater participation at the municipal level.

GP-4. "Green" Business Development Policies

Jeff described the edits made from the last conversation. The clearinghouse function might be performed by Florida's network of Small Business Development Centers, or perhaps coordinated through them. Jeff looked at Green Pathways report and found a set of principles that can serve as Implementation Mechanisms.

There was a general discussion on Green procurement standards. It was suggested that businesses operating under green standards could get contract preferences. This would provide a score card reference if they undertook a LEED standards or a recycling program, purchasing, though having it be implementable. An obstacle is the fact that this represents a lot of work to identify which businesses and products are 'green' due to current lack of lists of approved vendors. Under HB 7135, Florida Management Services is currently required to develop 'green product' guidelines and a list of approved products for state agency purchases.

A statement about the nexus about water treatment and use should also be included.

GP-5. Introduce Core Competencies on Climate Change into Professional Licensing Programs

Two additional Implementation Mechanisms relating to water use efficiency were proposed:

- Involve the Conserve Florida Clearinghouse, developed for improving water use efficiency in public water supply, in the evaluation of building program measures to save energy.
- Support the EPA WaterSense program for water use efficiency, which saves water while also reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

It was decided that GP-4 would include a reference to second bullet under GP-5, Encourage professional organizations with...'

Jeff summarized the work moving forward: R.E. is still working on GP-2; Sheri and Brian will rework sections of GP-3. Please try to get these back out by tomorrow evening. Jeff will draft the simple sections like the types of GHG reductions. Any changes we make beyond what is approved here and I will flag those at the Action Team meeting. Get comments back to us by COB Tuesday.

Agenda Item#5 Next Steps

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

Announcements:

Mayor Hanrahan invited people to come to League of Cities event on August 14—go to the website for more information.

Public Comment:

Rhoda Roff—Can you address the issue of homeowners associations making air drying laundry illegal? There is a web site called *laundrylist* which is making a case to ban electric dryers entirely.

Let's make sure we get this over to the Energy Demand TWG.

Elisa Brown—I'm glad you found the Green Pathways useful and I think that giving green jobs attention is important and I am glad you are addressing this.

Bob Krasowski offered to send a list of additional NGOs.

There being no further comment, Jeff adjourned the call at 11:15.