



**MICHIGAN CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL**  
**Cross Cutting Issues Technical Work Group**  
**Draft- Meeting Summary of Teleconference Call #3**  
Wednesday, March 5, 2008, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 pm

**Call Participants**

See attendance in section 13 below.

**Background Documents**

Notice and Agenda  
Call #2 Draft Meeting Summary  
PowerPoint Presentation  
Policy Catalog with Notional Rankings  
CCI Policy Catalog (tracked changes)  
Brief Descriptions of Catalog Options

**1. Introductions and Welcome**

Tom Looby, CCS, facilitated introductions and used the power point presentation to proceed through the agenda.

**2. Approval of January Call #2 Summary**

CCS added/changed five items on the summary.  
One typo for Dusty Fanchor's name should be corrected.  
The approved version will be posted to the CCI TWG folder on the MCAC web site.

**3. Meeting Purpose and Goals**

Change to agenda: One addition to agenda for DEQ Director Steve Chester to identify preliminary DEQ proposed target years. Key task today is to bundle/ consolidate/rank options.

**4. Goals for MCAC Meeting #3 – April 25, 2008**

Three main goals on slide #3:  
1. Determine Priority State Policy Options from the Catalog for Detailed Design  
2. Discuss MI Emissions Inventory and Forecast  
3. Review Options for Establishment of Preliminary State Goals and Targets

Above goals are relevant in order to prepare interim report drafts for the Governor's Office. The Council will be provided a draft of the Interim Report for review and comment at the April 25, 2008 MCAC meeting.

**Director Steve Chester gave preliminary ideas from DEQ with regard to potential interim goals**

Baseline: there is a baseline year established for each state. Some states have used 1990 to align with the Kyoto Protocol, 2000 in order to begin with a rounded number, the year with the best data, or the current working year- 2008 in our case.

- DEQ recommends 2002 as the year containing the best data.

- In 2002, the University of Michigan was contracted to perform an emissions inventory. There is not a subsequent year with the same level of knowledge and data. TWG comments supported using 2002 as the base year in that it has the best data.
- Noted that if the data for 2002 requires any improvement, the reexamination should be focused around forestry and agriculture.
- Demographic changes from the baseline year are factored into the forecast.

Interim Date Proposal: DEQ proposed and the TWG supported using 2015 as the short-term proposed year and 2025 as the mid-term proposed year:

- It is critical to have a short-term practical target for the state. It is also beneficial to link these dates with policies that will support the ultimate goals.
- These dates also align with Minnesota of Region 5; Illinois has only one date of 2020.
- Short and mid-term target years: 2015 and 2025, respectively, based on the legislation for RPS goals for 2015.

Long term date of 2050: outer/end year goal of 2050 as is consistent with the IPCC

- Other states chose reduction goals based on IPCC work that has been completed.
- The majority of states chose 2050 in alignment with the IPCC long term target date.
- A forecast past 2050 creates greater uncertainty.
- CCS will work with DEQ to develop a percent reductions projection for discussion at the call #4.

On CCI TWG call #4, the preliminary proposed reduction percentages for the target years will be reviewed.

#### **5. Review Updates to the CCI TWG Catalog of States' Actions by MCAC**

The track changes version with MCAC suggestions from the February meeting is available online. No questions posed about the updated version of the Catalog.

#### **6. Review the Process for Notional Rankings and Balloting to Formulate the Top Priorities**

- Mr. Looby used slides 5-10 to summarize the notional ranking and balloting process, and to outline the Straw Proposal and Policy Options template.
- A first round of notional rankings of sub-options was compiled and is in the CCI Catalog on the website
- Each TWG should propose 10-12 policy options for detailed analysis and design
- Once notion ranking has been completed, the balloting process begins. The CCI TWG may not need to proceed through every step, depending on the outcome of bundling options and notional rankings.
- During call #4, the TWG will review the bundled options and a second round of notional rankings.
- If necessary each TWG member will receive a ballot with 10 possible votes, and the TWG will determine the top recommendations, (voting outlined in slide #8 of powerpoint).

#### **Priorities from the Catalog for Detailed Analysis and Design**

#### **7. Discuss the Notional Rankings of State Policy Options from the Catalog**

Mr. Looby proposed that the TWG 1<sup>st</sup> – determine the consolidation of the options; and 2<sup>nd</sup> – review and develop notional rankings of sub-options. Link the items that make sense, and strive to create 10 total options.

New Bundled Option No.	Prior Option No.	Combine/Standalone	CCI TWG Discussion Points
1	1, 2, 3, and 14.1	1. <b>Inventories and Forecasting</b> ; 2. <b>GHG Reporting</b> ; 3. <b>GHG Registry</b> ; and 14.1 were combined into one option.	Many states chose to consolidate the first three into one option; support was given to do so. Later in discussion 14.1 was added.
2	4	4. <b>Statewide GHG Reduction Goals and Targets</b> was left as a standalone option.	
3	5	5. <b>State and Local Government GHG Emissions (Lead-By-Example)</b> was left as a standalone option.	It was proposed to combine option 5 with option 6; however, they were left separate. If the two are not separated, state and local government work might overshadow each other; there needs to be an emphasis placed on the work that local government should do
4	6	6. <b>Comprehensive Local Government Climate Action Plans (Counties, Cities, Etc.)</b> was left as a standalone option	See comments for option 5.
5	7	7. <b>Public Education and Outreach</b> was left as a standalone option.	The TWG discussed that 7.1 should be specifically emphasized within this option, particularly the MI Climate Challenge initiatives.
6	8, 14.2, 15, and 16:	8. <b>Tax and Cap Policies</b> ; 14.2; 15. <b>Facilitate the Development of an Effective Carbon Credit System for Michigan</b> ; and 16. <b>Create a Market Advisory Group</b> were combined into one option.	Minnesota created a separate Cap and Trade TWG, and this could be an alternative for MI as well. Several TWG members favored this approach. Another option-allow the Energy Supply TWG to take lead on Cap and Trade. Concern voiced whether this was too much to move to ES and that there were potential additional elements of Cap and Trade that are beyond the scope of the ES TWG, but others responded that the ES TWG would be well prepared to handle these issues. Later in discussion 14.2 was added.
7	9	9. <b>Seek Funding for Implementation of Climate Action Panel Recommendations</b> was left as a standalone option.	
8	10	10. <b>Adaptation and Vulnerability</b> was left as a standalone option.	Other states linked 10 with 14; however, discussion determined

			that it should be in its own category. Also, discussed that detailed analysis of adaptation and vulnerability issues may not be possible to completed during 2008.
<b>9</b>	11	<b>11. Participate in Regional and Multi-state GHG Reduction Efforts</b> was left as a standalone option.	
<b>10</b>	12 and 13:	<b>12. Enhance and Encourage Economic Growth and Job Creation Opportunities Through Climate Change Mitigation</b> and <b>13. Encourage the Creation of a Business-Oriented Organization to Share Information and Strategies, Recognize Successes, and Support Aggressive GHG Reduction Goals</b> were combined into one option	It was considered to combine 17 with 12 and 13, but 17 was left as a stand alone option because the TWG wanted to emphasize the sensitivity to environmental justice and was wary of losing the human element in 17.
<b>11</b>	17	<b>17. Enhance and Encourage Community Development Through Climate Change Mitigation; Address Environmental Justice</b> was left as a standalone option.	See comments listed under options 12 and 13.

### Other Option Concerns

14. **Dedicate Greater Public Investment to Climate Data and Analysis** was split into other option numbers. (See above for 1 and 6).

### 8. Discussion of the MI GHG Inventory- Forecast

The Inventory and Forecast is available on the Website. If TWG members have comments, they should be discussed at call #4.

### 9. Review of Next Steps

#### Notional rankings:

- Seven people have submitted their notional rankings, more time has been allotted for others to submit their rankings, as well.
- If rankings were previously submitted, they should be resubmitted with new categorical numbers.
- Use Notional rankings to include sub-options
- Characterize how people vote with high, medium, and low votes
- Create tiers of items that individuals would like included in the final product
- During the month prior to call #4, CCS will allow a week for more review of the options.

### 10. Agenda, Date and Time for Next Meetings

The next CCI TWG Meeting will be on April 2, 2008 at 11 am EDT. The rest of the meetings are available on the Website.

### 11. Public Comments

- Bruce Goodman (Varnum Law) suggested that a new option be considered. It would be to recommend that the MI delegations push for a federal legislation on climate change. An aggressive national program could be appropriate, and state programs could be created, if necessary.

- CCS will work with DEQ to determine how to address this comment, making sure to note that state preemption needs to be avoided in any national program.

## **12. Announcements**

The next MCAC meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2008 at SEMCOG in Detroit, Michigan.

## **13. Attendance**

### **Cross Cutting Issues TWG Members:**

Julie Baldwin  
Ted Bishop  
Dr. Dwight Brady  
Steve Chester  
Norman Christopher  
Karen Cooper-Boyer  
Zoe Lipman  
Todd Parker  
Mike Peters  
Lana Pollack

### **State Agency Representatives:**

Mike Beaulac, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
Amy Butler, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
Olivia Cohen, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
Sarah Popp, Governor's Office

### **Members of the public:**

Duncan Calloway  
Bruce Goodman  
Nicole Nistrom?  
Louis Pocalujka  
Linee Stephens

### **Center for Climate Strategies:**

Tom Looby and Linda Schade