



MICHIGAN CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL
Cross Cutting Issues Technical Work Group
Draft- Meeting Summary of Teleconference Call #9
Wednesday July 9, 2008, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT

Background documents for call:

- Notice and Agenda
- Summary of Call #7 on June 4, 2008
- Summary of Call #8 on June 11, 2008
- PowerPoint Presentation for Call #9
- Draft Straw Policy Options Document- Track Changes reflecting MCAC input from June 27

Tom Looby of CCS welcomed participants to the call, took roll and reviewed the agenda. Attendees are noted at the end of this summary.

Purpose of Call #9

The primary purpose of this call/meeting is to further develop the draft Policy Options Document approved with minor changes by the MCAC at their 4th meeting on June 27. The next elements of the POD to work on starting today are the Implementation Mechanisms and the Related Policies and Programs in Place.

Approval of Prior Call Summaries

The CCI TWG approved the draft Summary of Call #7 on June 4, 2008 without any changes.

The CCI TWG approved the Summary of Call #8 on June 11, 2008 w two changes. The correct date and call # will be inserted into the header and Frank Ettawageshik's last name will be added to the attendance list.

The TWG gave permission to Mike Beulac of MDEQ to offer some minor editorial revisions to the summaries after the meeting.

Discussion

1. Mr. Looby summarized the key results from the MCAC Meeting #4 as summarized on Slide #4. The highlight was that MCAC approved 55 Straw Policy Options submitted by the TWGs and charged the TWGs w/ development of the next elements in the POD Template.
2. He further explained that the focus for the next MCAC meeting will be to review and consider approval of the next two elements of the template for each option, to review preliminary quantification results for the relevant options and to make any necessary

changes to the draft MI GHG Emissions Inventory and Forecast recommended by the TWGs.

3. TWG Member Frank Ettawageshik indicated that he would like the opportunity to offer amendments to the Draft CCI POD for consideration by the CCI TWG that would properly describe Tribal Governments roles in selected CCI TWG options. Members agreed to allow him to do so.

Review and Discussion of draft CCI TWG Policy Options Document

Mr. Looby explained that the MCAC approved all of the CCI TWG Straw Policy Option proposals presented at the June 27 MCAC meeting. He noted that there were several changes offered by MCAC that have been incorporated into the document in “track changes” format. He suggested that the TWG not spend time on today’s call reviewing each of these changes and that members identify any of them that require additional discussion. No concerns were expressed about the MCAC changes to the first five options, except for one, in CCI- 3. It is described under that option below.

Call participants then went through the first 5 options and discussed ideas to include in the Implementation Mechanisms and Related Policies and Programs in Place elements. In some cases members volunteered to help draft language to reflect the ideas generated. Members crafting these narratives for the first five options should submit them to Tom Looby of CCS and Mike Beaulac of DEQ by COB Wednesday, July 23.

A summary of highlights for each option follows and is incorporated into a track changes version of the POD.

CCI-1 GHG Inventories, Forecasting, Reporting, and Registry

Duncan Calloway and Ted Bishop prepared proposed text for these two elements of Option 1. It was reviewed and approved by the TWG. It was noted that there will be costs to implement Option 1.

CCI-2 Statewide GHG Reduction Goals and Targets

Mike Beaulac will draft narrative and it should include the following elements:

Implementation Mechanisms:

- Accountability mechanisms including measures and verification
- A placeholder for potential legislation

Related Policies and Programs In Place:

- Governor Granholm’s Executive Order
- MW Governors GHG Accord Goal setting initiative

CCI-3 State and Local Government GHG Emission Reductions (Lead-by-Example)

Looby observation: There was discussion about the last paragraph of the Policy Design section and questions about whether it accurately captured the essence of the direction provided by MCAC about who/what should lead/ coordinate ongoing state efforts on climate change. The TWG agreed to modify this language to recognize that a lead agency needs to be assigned

overall coordination and outreach responsibilities and to leave open the issue of whether it should be a new entity or an existing entity that gets these new responsibilities added.

The TWG went on to discuss the additional elements of the POD. Mike Beaulac will draft narrative to reflect the ideas offered as follows.

Implementation Mechanisms:

- Marketing efforts by the new/existing lead agency
- Inventory of initiatives
- Clearinghouse function
- Demo projects
- Outreach to stakeholders
- Event planning
- Integration GHG Reductions/ Energy Efficiency initiatives into local planning and zoning functions
- Linkage w/ relevant elements of the Climate Challenge in CCI-5

Related Policies and Programs in Place:

- Add reference to 3 Executive Directives
- Local government assistance

It was noted that this might be a spot to identify some additional Tribal initiatives as well.

CCI-4 Comprehensive Local Government Climate Action Plans (Counties, Cities, Etc.)

The goals statement should be amended to change “all” to a significant number. A member noted that the Straw Proposal language reference LEED certification a couple of times and asked if we shouldn’t amend it to be flexible to include other similar certifications. The TWG agreed and CCS will make that adjustment.

Tom Looby will contact Norman Christopher to see if he would like to help draft the next two elements of the POD based on the ideas presented on the call, which are :

Implementation Mechanisms:

- Create an incentive program for local governments through grants or low interest loans
- Establish a clearinghouse function- in concert w/ CCI- 5
- Quantification of GHG reductions and/or Energy Efficiency improvements
- Technical Assistance by the state for local/Tribal governments?

Related Policies and Programs in Place:

- Executive Directives _____
- Michigan Climate Challenge

CCI-5 Public Education and Outreach

It was noted that CCI 5.7 needs to be developed further. Frank Ettawageshik will consider ideas to include. Dwight Brady agreed to draft narrative for the groups consideration to incorporate the following concepts:

Implementation Methods:

- Development of systematic education/orientation programs about climate change for new political leaders at all levels of government.
- Development of toolkits tailored to each of the audiences described above
- An ongoing framework for implementation of the Climate Challenge
- A web based clearinghouse of climate activities by governmental and non-governmental entities (e.g. the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association, and many others)

Related Policies and Programs in Place:

- Michigan Climate Challenge described above.

The rest of the Options will be taken up on the next CCI TWG call.

CCI-7 Seek Funding for Implementation of MCAC Recommendations

CCI-8 Adaptation and Vulnerability

CCI-9 Participate in Regional and Multi-state GHG Reduction Efforts

CCI-10 Enhance and Encourage Economic Growth and Job Creation Opportunities Through Climate Change Mitigation

CCI-11 Enhance and Encourage Community Development Through Climate Change Mitigation; Address Environmental Justice

Public Comments

None

Announcements

None.

Next Calls

The next CCI TWG call is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 11am to 12:30pm to review the narrative developed on the first five options and to discuss ideas for the next five options not covered today.

The CCI TWG then scheduled another tentative call for Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 11am to 12:30pm, if it is needed to conclude the work on the POD prior to the next MCAC meeting on September 12.

Attendance:

Cross Cutting Issues TWG Members:

Ted Bishop
Dwight Brady
Steve Chester
Frank Ettawageshik
Lana Pollack
Emily Simins for Julie Baldwin

State Agency Representatives:

Mike Beaulac, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Olivia Cohen, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
JoAnn Merrick, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Members of the public:

Greg Ryan, DTE Energy
Dusty Fanchor, LS Power
Louis Pocalujka, Consumers Energy

Center for Climate Strategies:

Tom Looby