

Alaska Climate Change Strategy

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Cross-Cutting Issues Technical Work Group **Alaska Mitigation Advisory Group** **Teleconference Meeting Summary** **October 2, 2008**

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None

Meeting Summary

Meeting Materials

All materials for the Cross-Cutting Issues Technical Working Group (CC TWG) are available on the CC TWG website: http://www.akclimatechange.us/Cross_Cutting_Issues.cfm. For this meeting, the following materials were distributed:

- Meeting Notice and Agenda
- Meeting #4 Summary
- Catalog of Options with Ballot Results

The following notes summarize the discussion highlights and identified action items for TWG members.

Recap of September MAG Meeting

The TWG reviewed the feedback that had been received at the MAG on the preliminary set of options they had put forth. The MAG was satisfied with the progress that the CC TWG is making, but suggested putting forth fewer options to pursue for further analysis.

Discussion of CC TWG Priority Options for Further Analysis

After discussion about the balloting results on the options, the CC TWG agreed to pursue seven options for further analysis:

- CC-1 Establish a mandatory GHG emissions reporting program and regulatory entity to manage the program, coordinating with federal programs where possible; Establish GHG emissions inventory and forecasting function
- CC-2 Formally establish goals for statewide GHG emission reductions, which should include establishing secondary goals for energy efficiency, renewable energy generation/ consumption, waste, land use, transportation and others sectors.
- CC-3 Coordinate the climate change mitigation options/policy recommendations with the State Energy Plan being developed by the Alaska Energy Authority to develop and meet energy goals and targets
- CC-4 Establish a state government climate change program division or office with adequate resources to coordinate outreach on climate change and GHG reduction strategies. This office will inform diverse audiences (e.g., elected officials, media, public) regarding climate policies, activities, and approaches to reduction of GHGs.
- CC-5 Develop a list of early-actions the State can implement to meet state goals and targets
- CC-6 Institute tax incentives/ disincentives and/or other approaches such as an “Energy Trust” grant and loan program for individuals, and public and private entities, to encourage GHG reductions and promote green technologies and energy efficiency.
- CC-7 Advocate development of federal cap and trade or other market-based system and gear state efforts to support this.

Between now and the next meeting, which will be a face-to-face meeting, individual TWG members will take lead on these priority options for further analysis and develop a policy option description and preliminary design in more depth. At the next meeting, TWG members will review these preliminary drafts and refine them based on the thinking of the group. These drafts will be given to the MAG when the CC TWG presents these options as formal priorities.

Public Comments and Announcements

There were no public comments during the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next CC TWG meeting is scheduled as a face-to-face meeting in Anchorage on October 28. Further information about this will follow in email to CC TWG members. Members of the public can listen-in to the meeting by calling 1-800-704-9804, passcode 661 718.