

Cross-Cutting Issues Technical Work Group

Alaska Mitigation Advisory Group

Face to Face Meeting Summary

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Participants

TWG Participants

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Public Participants

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
- Compiled Write-up on Prioritized Options

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

Goals for Meeting

Nancy Tosta reviewed the goals for the meeting. At the upcoming MAG meeting, the MAG will want to review some brief descriptions on each TWG’s prioritized options and provide comments, questions and recommendations. The intent of this CC TWG meeting is to reach some agreement on the options that will facilitate the development of short write-ups on each option to be presented to MAG.

Discussion of CC TWG Priority Options for Further Analysis

Prior to this meeting, TWG members had taken individual options that had been identified as priorities for analysis and had done preliminary write-ups, focusing on the option description, goals and design. The TWG members discussed each option in detail.

CC-1: This option focuses on the programs and policies that would need to be developed in order to establish a mandatory reporting program, including an Alaska inventory and forecasting function. Based on the discussions during the meeting, the CC TWG agreed to make the expectation of a mandatory federal reporting program clearer in the description of the option. CC TWG members also agreed that this option would include the development of a GHG emission inventory baseline year, for purposes of comparison in a reporting program and future inventory updates.

CC-2: This option focuses on setting goals on greenhouse gas emissions reductions for Alaska. The idea of setting a baseline year and amount for GHG emissions was moved into CC-1. Based on discussions, goals would be based on the current inventory (2002 data), making any necessary updates when new data is developed. Over the coming months, the CC TWG will pull together information on the goals that other states have made and develop information on what sort of goals Alaska should take.

CC-3: This option focuses on developing actions that the government could take to make immediate and early actions to reduce GHG emissions. The CC TWG agreed to have this option emphasize the idea of Government Leading by Example. In the short write-up to the MAG, the description for this option will also list some potential activities that would fall under this option.

CC-4: This option focuses on integrating the Alaska climate Change Strategy with the Alaska Energy Plan. For the write-up of this option to MAG, this option will focus on establishing a conceptual link between these two strategies in the short-term and then establishing a conceptual link in the longer term.

CC-5/6: In the preliminary write-ups that were prepared before this meeting, a member had proposed combining CC-5 (Incentives for GHG Emission Reduction) and CC-6 (Market-Based Systems). During this meeting, the CC TWG agreed to separate these options and focus the write-ups on their original intent.

CC-5: The write-up to the MAG for this option will focus on the idea of developing and “Energy Trust”, similar to Oregon’s program, which would consolidate Alaska’s various incentive programs. This option may be addressed by the ESD TWG, but the MAG will evaluate which TWG should take the lead on addressing this area.

CC-6: This option focuses on advocating and supporting federal efforts for establishing a cap-and-trade or other market based system.

CC-7: This option will focus on exploring the options and opportunities for establishing a climate change coordinating body for the State of the Alaska.

Action: Nancy Tosta and Amy Wheelless will take the discussions from this meeting and will edit the write-ups on the priority options into a short document for the upcoming MAG meeting. CC TWG members will have a chance to review this document prior it is sent along to the MAG.

Public Comments and Announcements

There were no public comments during the meeting.

Next Meeting

Following this meeting, the facilitators scheduled the next CC TWG meeting will be Wednesday, November 19 from 2:00p-3:00p. Materials for these meetings will be posted on the CC TWG website. Members of the public can listen-in to the meeting by calling 1-800-704-9804, passcode 661 718.