

Cross-Cutting Issues Technical Work Group

Alaska Mitigation Advisory Group

Teleconference Meeting Summary

December 10, 2008

Participants

TWG Participants

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Scott Sloane, AK Department of
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CCS Staff

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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
- November CC TWG Meeting Summary

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

Discussion of Draft CC TWG Option Proposals

The CC TWG members reviewed the current drafts of the priority CC TWG option proposals.

- CC-1: Scott Sloane is leading the development of this option, with assistance from Scott Dickinson and Aubrey Baure. In continuing to refine the draft, this option will focus on concrete recommendations to the MAG around the topic of a greenhouse gas (GHG) reporting program. This option may also focus on the financial benefits of setting up a GHG reporting program.
- CC-2: After discussion, CC TWG members decided that this option would focus on recommending targets for Alaska to adopt, along with rationale for why Alaska should set

targets and, in particular, the recommended target. Kate Troll will continue developing this option, with support from staff at Ross & Associates.

- CC-3: The leads for this option, Doug O’Harra and Aubrey Baure, were unable to attend the call. Ross & Associates staff will follow up with these leads to begin developing a matrix of options.
- CC-4: This option focuses on integrating Alaska’s climate change mitigation strategy with the Alaska Energy Plan, as well as establishing an energy database to track emissions. Scott Sloane will continue working on this option and will review updates to the Alaska Energy Plan that are scheduled to be released in mid-December.
- CC-5: This option proposal will present information on carbon taxes and cap-and-trade system, as well as the current political standing for a climate change mitigation regime that is likely to occur, either at the regional or federal level. Ross & Associates will draft up some text and work with Maria Gladziszewski to ensure that it the drafted text is accurate.
- CC-6: This option will focus on establishing a centrally-located climate coordinating body within the state government. In addition to recommending the goals and activities of this centrally located body, this option should elucidate, as much as possible, the funding and staffing requirements. Katherine Heumann will continue to work on this option, pulling in examples of other states and how they have managed a central climate coordinating body.

Next Steps

Between now and the January CC TWG meeting, CC TWG members will work on filling in the draft option proposal templates for each options. At the next meeting, the CC TWG will review what has been put forth and work as a group to fill in any remaining missing pieces. Following this meeting, the options will be put into the set format and forwarded to the MAG for their February meeting. At this meeting, Nancy Tosta will present the options to MAG members for their review and comment in a one-hour session.

Public Comments and Announcements

There were no public comments during the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next CC TWG meeting is scheduled as for January 22. Members of the public can listen-in to the meeting by calling 1-800-704-9804, passcode 661 718.