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**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**MARYLAND CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY GROUP**  
**Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management Technical Work Group**  
**(AFW TWG)**  
Call #3, September 25, 2007

**Attendance:** (\*new members)

*Technical Working Group:* Gary Allen, Cindy Parker, Eric Sprague, James Remuzzi, Bob Ensor\*, Elmer Weibley\*

*Maryland State Department Representatives:* Renee Fizer, Kati Perry (MDE); Dan Rider\* (DNRC Forestry);

*Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):* Gloria Flora, Steve Roe, Joe Pryor

*Public Attendees:* Jeff King (D.C. Metropolitan Planner)

**Background documents:** ([www.mdclimatechange.us/GHG\\_Agriculture\\_Forestry.cfm](http://www.mdclimatechange.us/GHG_Agriculture_Forestry.cfm))

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. Summary of Call #2
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference.
4. AFW Policy Catalog Descriptions
5. AFW Catalog of State Actions
6. Draft Inventory and Forecast with Appendices

**Discussion items and key issues:**

1. Roll call
2. CCS reviewed the Agenda for the call
3. Continued review of policy options
4. Identified priority options

*Purposes and Outcomes*

1. CCS refreshed participants on the role of the Technical Working Groups (TWGs) in providing subsequent recommendations to the Mitigation Working Group of the MCCC. Specifically, this call will be devoted to finalizing the Options Catalog, focusing on completeness and applicability to current Maryland issues and concerns. Priority options will be discussed and the Draft Inventory and Forecast will be reviewed.
2. Agenda, background and current materials for the MCCC and MWG meetings are available at [www.mdclimatechange.us](http://www.mdclimatechange.us).

3. MWG will review all TWG catalog of options this Friday (09-28-07). The public and members of the AFW TWG are welcome at all MCCC and MWG meetings as observers. Observers will be given opportunities to contribute views and ask questions.
4. **Milestones** are November 1 for an Interim Report with general recommendations and/or draft legislation. The Final Report is targeted for April 20, 2008.

### *Catalog of State Options*

Refer to the revised Maryland AFW Policy Option descriptions available soon on the website, [http://www.mdclimatechange.us/GHG\\_Agriculture\\_Forestry.cfm](http://www.mdclimatechange.us/GHG_Agriculture_Forestry.cfm) - under Call #4 - for detailed modifications and additions to all AFW Policy Options.

1. The TWG discussed any additional issues from Call#2 and then continued reviewing the detailed descriptions of Policy Options to assess completeness and applicability to Maryland, as well as recent germane actions in the state. Items AFW 1 through 7 were covered in Call#2 and the group continued from AFW-8.
2. The issue of loans to encourage the use of alternative fuels was raised. Members of the TWG expressed a need to explore options to help pay for upfront costs of associated with switching to alternative fuels. Maryland Renewable Energy Fund – Tier 1 (wind, solar, biofuels, methane) – could address agriculture related concerns.
3. The TWG will broaden the uses of biomass for beyond electricity (particularly related to item AFW-1). Approximately 40% of Maryland’s energy use is for heating and cooling.
4. The TWG suggested a White Paper be provided on how MD intends to meet the Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS).
  - a. CCS identified that this is more of an energy related area and will forward comments to the ES TWG.
  - b. MDE agreed to forward RPS documentation to the group but noted that it is specific to electricity.
5. The TWG suggested that item 8.1 also incorporate non-logging residue.
6. Options “Reduction in Logging Industry Energy Use” and “Support Buying Local Wood Products” were added under item 8.
7. The TWG raised the possibility of including recycling of electronics under item 9.
8. Item 11.1 should indicate 10 Eastern States.
9. Higher priority options and early action items to be forwarded to the MWG were:
  - a. AFW 7.4 Forest Management. This is a broad category, going beyond just funding and specific practices which can incorporate a number of actions resulting in a net increase in sequestration through improved forest management. One example was to develop a method whereby developers add mitigation acres to large forest areas rather than just protect smaller on-site tracts.
  - b. AFW 1.1 -1.3: Biomass to Energy. Note: Includes Electricity and non-electricity energy (e.g. heat and steam Production).
  - c. AFW 4.2/7.1: the combined conservation of agriculture and forest lands.
10. The Catalog (chart) will also be revised to reflect the modifications to the Option Descriptions.

**Next steps and agreements:**

1. The next TWG meeting will be held on **October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 1:00 to 3:00 EST**. The purpose of the next call will be to update the TWG on the MWG Sept. 28 meeting, discuss the next steps for finalizing policy options and to continue the review of emissions inventory and forecasts.
2. TWG members are encouraged to forward germane data and reference material to Gloria Flora [gflora@s-o-solutions.org](mailto:gflora@s-o-solutions.org) or Brian Hug [bhug@mde.state.md.us](mailto:bhug@mde.state.md.us)
3. Future Calls are scheduled for:
  - a. Meeting #5: **Face-to-Face** October 16 in Baltimore at MDE from 10am to 3pm EST (members who cannot make the meeting in person can request a telephone hook-up)
  - b. Call #6: Tentatively Tuesday October 27 1pm to 3pm EST.Group members who cannot make the calls can request a personal update in addition to the meeting notes.
4. Materials for each call will be posted at the Maryland Climate Change website (see address above). CCS will notify the TWG members when the materials are available for review.

Thanks again to all members for your meaningful contributions and excellent discussion.