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**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #5
MARYLAND CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES TECHNICAL WORK GROUP (TWG)**

October 19, 2007

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Attendance:

1. TWG Members: Mike Mallinoff, Cindy Parker, Frank Heintz, Julian Levy
2. Maryland Department of Environment (MDE): Brian Hug, Liz Entwisle
3. Center for Climate Strategies: Tom Looby, Katie Pasko
4. Other Attendees: Jeffrey King, Metro Washington COG
5. Public:

Background Documents:

(Posted at http://www.mdclimatechange.us/cross_cutting.cfm)

1. Meeting notice and agenda (including provisions for public access)
2. Summary of MD CC TWG Call #4
3. PowerPoint Presentation for Cross-Cutting Issues (CC) TWG Call #5
4. Draft Maryland CC TWG Catalog of State Actions- Track changes version

Discussion Items and Issues:

This was the fifth call of the MD CC TWG.

1. Tom Looby of CCS called the meeting to order, completed the roll call, and reviewed the agenda for the call.
2. The 10-12-07 CC TWG Call Summary was approved, with no changes.
3. The next CC TWG call is set for November 9, 2007 at 11 am ET.
4. Power Point slides were used to cover topics on the agenda.
5. Brian Hug gave a brief recap of the recent MCCC meeting. Highlights mentioned were:
 - The MCCC liked all of the CC TWG Policy Options.
 - Discussion regarding the draft goals proposal included a suggestion to drop the zero emission goal for 2100 because they felt that the 90% reduction by 2050 would be a strong enough driver of new R&D and technology to reduce GHG emissions. They also raised some issues about whether to use 1990 as a baseline year rather than 2006.
 - The MCCC agreed to advance a goals proposal as one of the early action items for the Interim Report in November. They also may want to advance a

broadly scoped education item to promote development of green school buildings as part of a broader education initiative in the Legislature.

6. Goals for the MWG meeting on October 26 depicted on slide #4 were reviewed.
7. Mr. Looby summarized the stepwise planning process on slide #5, noting that the key next steps are to finalize the priorities for analysis, to develop the Interim Report by November 14 and to begin developing the straw proposal for the selected policy options. MDE will present a draft version of the Interim Report to the MWG on 10/26 and will make copies available to the TWG at the same time. The CC TWG will discuss the Interim Report on its next call. If CC TWG members have substantive comments in the meantime they should send them to Tom Looby of CCS who will distribute them among TWG members and forward them to MDE. Once the Interim Report is provided to the Governor and Legislature they will decide if there are any immediate initiatives they want to undertake in the coming legislative session.
8. Participants discussed the goals proposal in light of the MCCC comments. The following recommendations and notes were made:
 - MDE noted that using 2006 as the base year allows use of more recent and accurate data. Using 2006 as the base year also results in more aggressive reduction percentages. They noted that they are developing a normalizing chart that can be used to cross reference with 1990 levels.
 - The MCCC noted that 1990 is being used by many states and that it ties in with the Kyoto Protocol base year.
 - The CC TWG recommended that 2006 be maintained as the baseline year and that the normalizing chart to link w/ the 1990 levels also be developed.
 - MDE will update the goals proposal for the MWG meeting and will also make it available to the CC TWG for review.
 - One member inquired about the mid-course reviews. Mr. Hug explained that the 4 year reviews would apply to the longer term goals. The shorter term goals, by 2020, will largely be driven by regulatory initiatives w/ enforceable deadlines. These goals should be designed to be aggressive, but achievable. He also noted that the 4 year reviews would be the minimum period and that more frequent reviews could be done if necessary.
9. The participants then reviewed the Catalog of State Policy Options again. They approved the Catalog for submittal to the MWG next week with a few changes as noted below. The following additional comments were made regarding the catalog:

- Tom Looby noted that the 12 policy options included in the proposed Catalog is within the target number of options on which to prepare detailed proposals.
- Option 4, Goals- Highlights of the new goals proposal will be added to the notes column after the executive order description. A note will also be added indicating that the 4 year review periods are the minimum intervals for updates. More frequent reviews can be conducted if warranted.
- Option 4.4 should be left in the catalog, as a potential option to be reviewed further.
- The consolidated Option 5-6 (State and Local Lead by Example) was reviewed and approved. A note will be added to sub-item 5.10 about the need to address funding for local governments GHG implementation efforts.
- The note for option 12.4 will be dropped.
- A question was posed regarding Option 13- How will we know when “peak oil” has occurred? The response offered indicated that it is important to address the policy implications irrespective of when it occurs. Members were satisfied with that explanation.

Public Input: None

Next Steps:

1. The next MWG meeting will occur on October 26.
2. The next call of the CC TWG will be on Friday, November 9, 2007 from 11am – 12:30 pm. The focus of the next call will be to review CC TWG elements of the draft Interim Report, to select volunteers to help write the Straw Proposals for each of the selected Policy Options, and to tee up the process for developing the Straw Proposals, starting with the Policy Descriptions and Policy Design elements.

Announcements: None