



Maryland Climate Change Commission Mitigation Working Group

Cross-Cutting Technical Work Group Meeting #7 November 16, 2007

Maryland Department of the Environment
Maryland Energy Administration
Center for Climate Strategies

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Review and Approve Prior Call Summary
3. Date & Time for Next Call
4. Confirm Volunteers to Work on Policy Option Descriptions
5. Development of Straw Proposals for Priority CC Policy Options
6. Next Steps for MD CC TWG
7. Agenda Topics for Next Call
8. Public Input
9. Announcements

Catalog of States' Actions

- *Please refer to separate CC Catalog document w/ track changes from MWG meeting*

Stepwise Planning Process

1. Develop inventory and forecast of emissions - Ongoing
2. Identify a full range of possible actions - **Sept. 28**
3. Identify initial priorities for analysis - **Oct. 26**
4. Review Interim Report-MCCC - **Nov. 14**
5. Develop straw proposals - **Nov. 30**
6. Quantify GHG reductions and costs/savings - TBD
7. Evaluate externalities, feasibility issues - TBD
8. Develop alternatives to address barriers - TBD
9. Aggregate results - TBD
10. Iterate to final agreements - TBD
11. Finalize and report recommendations - TBD

Goals for Upcoming MD MWG Meeting

- Begin review TWG straw policy option proposal descriptions and design characteristics for priority policy options
- TWG Steps:
 - Form small drafting groups
 - Draft straw proposals
 - Revise as needed
 - Approve straw proposals to forward to MWG

Development of Straw Proposals for Priority Policy Options

- Policy Option Template:
 - Policy description
 - Policy design
 - Potential implementation mechanisms
 - Related policies/programs in place
 - Type(s) of GHG reductions
 - Estimated GHG savings and cost per MTCO₂e
 - Key uncertainties
 - Types of additional (non-GHG) benefits and or costs
 - Description of feasibility issues, if needed
 - Status of group approval
 - Level of group support
 - Barriers to consensus

AFW TWG Issues for CC

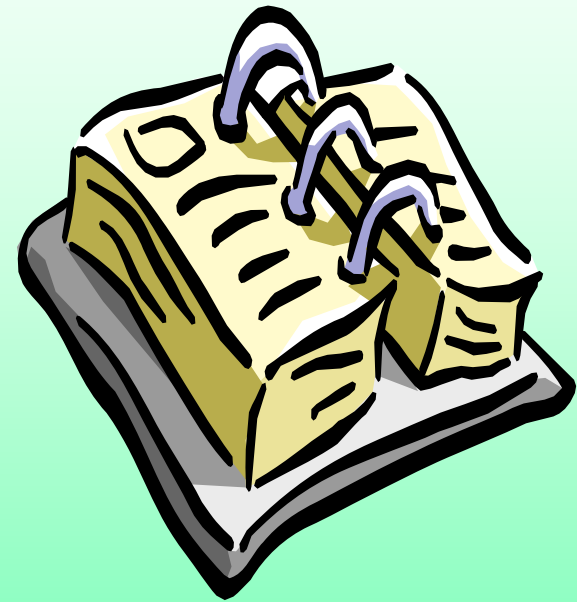
1. State has set ambitious goals in recycling and recovery. Targets haven't been met. Participation dropping. Efforts are not widely or as consistently promoted. Need renewed education effort to popularize.
2. Education: use education to force advances in waste technologies, in farming and producing foods with an eye towards addressing the inefficiencies in meat production.
3. Set performance standards for the state in all sectors with consequences. Encourage the use of public-private partnerships in meeting goals.
4. Improve the design/build/operate components of all public facilities including waste treatment plants and facilities.
5. Examine tax policies that may inhibit innovations in carbon emission reductions across all sectors.
6. Look at ways to draw parallels between carbon and nutrient trading to make the programs more understandable and potentially open to wider participation.

CC TWG Next Steps

- Develop consensus recommendations on straw proposals on selected priority policy options
 - Small Group Volunteers for each policy option
 - Draft language for policy description and policy design sections for next call
 - Draft language for potential implementation mechanisms and policies/programs in place for following call
- Prepare progress update for next MWG meeting w/ straw proposals

Next CC TWG Meeting

- Date and Time:
 - Friday, December 14, 2007;
11:00 am ET- Key Topics:
 - Review results of MWG meeting
 - Continue development of draft straw proposals elements from small groups of potential implementation mechanisms and related policies/programs in place for the priority policy options



Public Input, Announcements