



# Maryland Climate Change Commission Mitigation Working Group

## **Agriculture, Forestry and Waste Technical Work Group Call #6**

November 27, 2007

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

# Today's Agenda

- Call to order and roll call
- Review and approval of prior call summary
- Where we are in the process
- Goals for today's call
- Review Straw Proposals
- Date, time, & agenda items for next meeting
- Announcements

# Stepwise Planning Process

1. Develop inventory and forecast of emissions - Ongoing
2. Identify a full range of possible actions - **Sept. 7-28**
3. Identify initial priorities for analysis - **Oct 26**
4. Develop straw proposals - **November**
5. Quantify GHG reductions and costs/savings - December
6. Evaluate externalities, feasibility issues - Dec/Jan
7. Develop alternatives to address barriers - January
8. Aggregate results - February
9. Iterate to final agreements - Feb/March
10. Finalize and report recommendations - March

# TWG Role

- Assist MWG:
  - Identify potential state actions
  - Refine Draft Inventory & Forecast
  - Fast Track Options forwarded to MWG
  - Identify potential priorities for analysis
  - Recommend straw policy description and designs
  - Assist with analysis and review of options
  - Assist with development of policy alternatives
  - Assist with input to and review of MWG reports
  - Review and assist with the state GHG inventory and forecast

# Recommending Straw Proposals

1. TWG sub-groups draft Straw Proposals from priorities selected
2. CCS compiles results
3. TWG reviews and modifies (today)
4. Draft Proposals sent to MWG
5. MWG approves Policy Design and Descriptions of Straw Proposals (11/30)

# MD GHG Reduction Goals

- **2015**
  - 10-15% below 2006 levels
- **2020**
  - 25-40% below 2006 levels
- **2050**
  - 90% below 2006 levels
- **2100**
  - 0% or carbon neutral.

# **Review Straw Proposals**

**(Refer to review document)**

# Proposed Order Change of Options

<b>New Order</b>	<b>Draft Policy Option Name</b>
AFW-7	<b>Forest Management for Enhanced Carbon Sequestration</b>
AFW-8	<b>Managing Urban Trees and Forests for Greenhouse Gas Benefits</b>
AFW-5	<b>Afforestation, Reforestation and Restoration of Forests and Wetlands</b>
AFW-6	<b>Mitigation of Forest Loss Due to Insects, Disease, Pests and Invasive Species</b>
AFW-4	<b>Protection &amp; Conservation of Agricultural Land, Coastal Wetlands and Forested Land</b>
AFW-9	<b>“Buy Local” Programs for Sustainable Agriculture, Wood and Wood Products</b>
AFW-1	<b>Expanded Use of Forest and Farm Feedstocks and Bi-Products for Energy Production</b>
AFW-2	<b>In-State Liquid Biofuels Production</b>
AFW-3	<b>Nutrient Trading with Carbon Benefits</b>
AFW-10	<b>Waste Management through Source Reduction &amp; Advanced Recycling</b>

# MWG/MCCC Next Steps

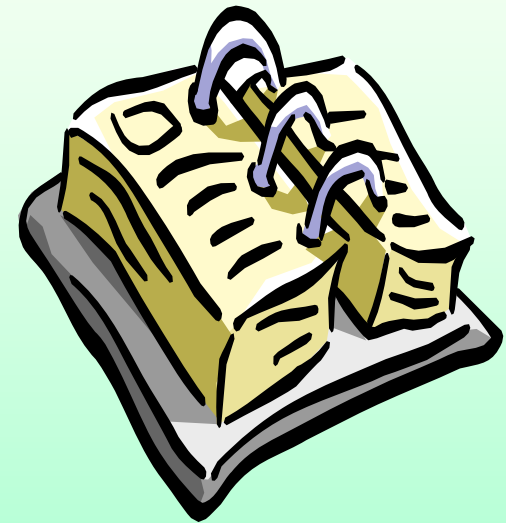
- TWG forwards information to Mitigation Working Group
- MWG reviews and amends straw proposals 11/30
- MCCC meets 12/4 to pass on Interim Report (*earlier meeting postponed due to Special Session*)
- AFW TWG subgroups incorporate MWG's recommendation and refines/expands Straw Proposals
- CCS works on quantifying effects of Proposals
- Present to MWG for review (Jan)
- TWG's incorporate MWG feedback, refine policies
- MWG approves progress and presents to MCCC (Jan 17)

# Key Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>
October 26, 2007	4 <sup>th</sup> MWG Meeting
November 15, 2007	Interim Report
November 30, 2007	5 <sup>th</sup> MWG Meeting
January 2007	Tentative 6 <sup>th</sup> MWG Meeting
March 2007	Possible 7 <sup>th</sup> MWG Meeting
April 20, 2007	Final Report
Between MWG Meetings	Technical Working Group (TWG) Calls and/or Meetings

# Next TWG Meeting

- Date and Time
  - Teleconference Call #8
  - December 11, 1:00-3:00 PM
- Agenda:
  - Review further developments of straw proposals
  - *(MWG feedback on straw proposals will be sent after their meeting)*



# Public Input, Announcements