



*Commission on Climate Change*

# Maryland Climate Change Commission Mitigation Working Group

## **Agriculture, Forestry and Waste Technical Work Group Call #12**

April 3, 2008

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 updates to Policy Option Descriptions
- Timeline to Final
- Date, time, & agenda items for next meeting

# 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 - Dec-Feb
6. Evaluate externalities, feasibility issues - Jan/Feb
7. Develop alternatives to address barriers - Feb/Mar
8. Aggregate results - March
9. Iterate to final agreements - April
10. Finalize and report recommendations - April

# Finalizing Policy Options

1. Review total emission reductions and costs
2. Approve edits and modifications
3. Fill in missing data in Policy Option Descriptions (on-going by sub-groups)
4. MWG approves final Policy Option Descriptions (April 22)

# **Review Policy Options**

**(Refer to review document)**

# Policy Options: Items to Complete

AFW 1 – Feasibility Issues – are there any?

AFW 2 – Key Uncertainties, Additional Cost/  
Benefit, Feasibility Issues

**AFW 3\*** – Approve new Wetlands text

AFW 4 - Key Uncertainties, Additional Cost/  
Benefit, Feasibility Issues

AFW 5 - Additional Cost/Benefit

*\*Not yet approved by MWG*

# Policy Options: Items to Complete

**AFW 6\*** – Overlap with Energy Supply

**AFW 7\*** – Explanation of possible elimination

**AFW 8\*** – Key Assumptions, Feasibility, no-till practices? Numbers look low

**AFW 9** - Additional Cost/ Benefit, Feasibility  
Issues

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# 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.

# MWG/MCCC Next Steps

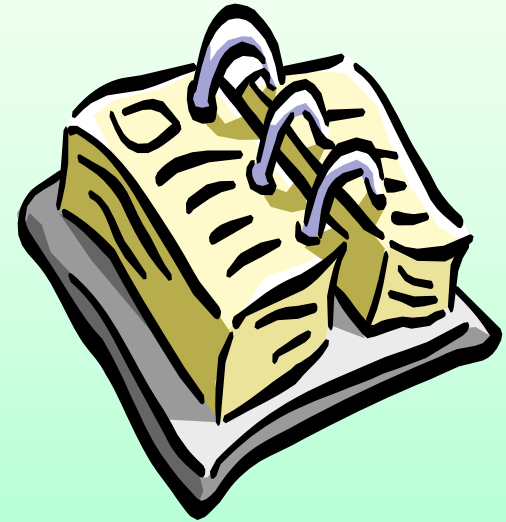
- Mitigation Working Group reviewed Policy Option Descriptions (POD's), approved some & provided feedback (March 19)
- TWG forwards final POD's to MWG (by April 15)
- MWG approves final POD's and cumulative quantifications (April 22)
- MCCC meets to approve POD's and quantifications in light of meeting GHG Reduction Goals. (April 25)
- POD's done, draft MWG Report crafted (by May 2)

# MWG/MCCC Next Steps (con.)

- Mitigation Working Group reviews draft MWG Report (May 9)
- Compilation of draft Science, Adaptation and Mitigation Working Groups Reports (by May 16)
- Circulate internally for review comments (back May 23)
- MCCC reviews First Draft of Final Report. (May 29)
- MCCC reviews Second Draft of Final Report (June 13)
- Final Report submitted to the Governor by the MCCC (June 19)

# Next TWG Meeting

- Date and Time
  - Select a date near the end of April, if deemed necessary.
- Agenda:
  - Review any final adjustments to the POD



# Public Input, Announcements