



**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #10
CROSS CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)
November 29, 2006**

Attendance:

1. TWG Members:
 - Dan Besse, Local Official
 - Steve McNulty, USDA - Forest Service
 - Ulla Reeves, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
 - Paul Sherman, Farm Bureau
 - Michael Shore, Environmental Defense
 - Jim Stephenson, NC Coastal Federation
2. NC Department of Air Quality (DAQ):
 - Jim Southerland, Liaison to CC TWG
 - Brock Nicholson
 - Janice Godfrey
3. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):
 - Ken Colburn, TWG Co-Facilitator
 - Randy Strait, TWG Co-Facilitator
4. Other Attendees:
 - None

Background documents:

(all posted at: http://www.ncclimatechange.us/Cross_Cutting.cfm.)

1. Meeting Notice & Agenda (including provisions for public access)
2. Summary for Call #9 (October 26, 2006)
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. Consolidated Mitigation Options

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the tenth conference call of the CC TWG.

1. Ken Colburn called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda and plans for the call.
2. Members of the CC TWG approved without objection the summary for Call #9.

3. Results of November 13 CAPAG Conference Call: Colburn noted that during its November 13 meeting, the CAPAG approved of all six mitigation options. For Registries (CC-3), the CAPAG requested clarifying language making the inclusion of sinks explicit in the straw proposal. CCS revised the straw proposal for registries to address this issue and provided the TWG with the revision in the “Consolidated Mitigation Options” file distributed to the TWG prior to Call #10.
4. Results of the November 27 LCGCC Meeting: Brock Nicholson provided a brief summary of the LCGCC meeting held on November 27. Brock noted that the LCGCC is asking the CAPAG to identify any early consensus items which the Legislature could potentially consider during the upcoming Legislative session.
5. Registry: Colburn identified and read the revision CCS made to the straw proposal for this mitigation option. The TWG did not have any revisions to the text. However, the TWG noted that the language of the straw proposal should be clear that the TWG’s recommended design characteristics do not mean that all of the characteristics must be met before allowing NC to join an existing multi-state or a national registry. The TWG agreed that NC should be allowed to join a registry that does not address all of the design characteristics detailed in the matrix for this option, and NC should seek to participate in the development of multi-state or a national registry to ensure that NC’s needs are met. The TWG also agreed that NC should develop supplemental registry capacity to meet specific needs if multi-state registries do not adequately address all of NC’s needs (e.g., registration of carbon sinks associated with reforestation).
6. Education and Outreach: The small group revised the straw proposal and template and a file containing their revisions was provided to the TWG prior to the call. The small group discussed its revisions during the call. The most significant revision was a recommendation that the state create an “Office of Climate Change Impacts and Mitigation.” The TWG discussed this recommendation and noted that an alternative approach that has often been used in North Carolina has been to create a “multi-agency board” with member participation and staff support from all state agencies. The TWG discussed whether this recommendation should be added as a separate mitigation option, and whether such a board might be responsible for implementing an adaptation plan once developed?. However, the TWG did not finalize a recommendation as to whether CC-4 should include these recommendations. The TWG agreed with the other revisions the small group made to the straw proposal and template.
7. Adaptation: Colburn noted that the following edits were made to the straw proposal distributed to the CAPAG for its November 13 meeting: (1) “Governor” was changed to “state” so that the option would apply more broadly, and (2) a note was inserted (on page 37 of the Consolidated Mitigation Options file) indicating that the TWG intends to continue developing this mitigation option throughout the remainder of the CAPAG process even as it encourages the LCGCC to consider it as an “early consensus” item for Legislative deliberation in the upcoming legislative session. Brock provided the following information on this option resulting from the LCGCC meeting:

- The straw proposal needs to acknowledge the involvement of all state agencies, panels, and local authorities (e.g., emergency management and public service agencies from the local to the state level should be included);
- The straw proposal should include all potential areas of concern (i.e., all areas potentially affected by the effects of climate change in NC); and
- The straw proposal should focus on developing an adaptation plan rather than a strategy to reflect an expansion or modification of existing state and local program efforts (e.g., emergency management / response programs).

The TWG also agreed that the straw proposal should recommend that the plan be reviewed and revised (as necessary) every 5 to 10 years.

8. Agenda for Next Call: Review progress on developing the straw templates for each mitigation option.
9. Call to the Public: There were no public participants.
10. Announcements:
 - The LCGCC is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 11, 2006, and Friday, January 12, 2007.
 - CAPAG Meeting #5 is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2007.

Next steps:

1. The next CC TWG call (#11) will be **Wednesday, January 3, from 9:00–10:30 a.m. Eastern time**. Action: CCS will notify the full TWG of the date and time for call #10 and send a reminder out several days before the call.
2. Mitigation Option Template for Education and Outreach, Adaptation, and Goals/Targets: Action: TWG subgroup members will continue working on developing the straw proposal and will update the TWG during its next call.
3. Mitigation Option Templates for Reporting, and Registries: Action: CCS and DAQ will revise the straw proposals as noted above and will update the TWG during its next call.