



MINNESOTA
Climate Change
Advisory Group



Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group

Cross-Cutting Issues
Technical Work Group Meeting #3
July 12, 2007

Minnesota Department of Commerce
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
The Center for Climate Strategies

Today's Agenda

- Call to order and roll call
- Review and approval of prior call summary
- Proposed date, time, & agenda items for next meeting
- Review of results of MCCAG Meeting #2
- Review goals for MCCAG Meeting #3
- Review and discussion of next steps for TWG
- Review and discussion of Catalog of State Action
- Call to the public
- Announcements

Communication Within TWG Meetings

- TWG meetings are primarily for interaction among MCCAG TWG members;
- Other participants should refrain from intervening during MCCAG TWG discussions, until they are called upon (note new Call-In Service);
- Agendas for each call will leave time for input from State agency staff and members of the public;
- State staff with information requiring urgent input, should consult with the State liaison to the TWG (David Thornton), before intervening in TWG discussions.

MCCAG Meetings

- Results of 2nd (June 14) Meeting:
 - Strong approval of TWG’s recommended actions (policy options) in draft catalog
 - See next slide for comments
- Goals for 3rd MCCAG Meeting:
 - Meeting date: August 2, 2007
 - Suggest initial “priorities for analysis” to the MCCAG

MCCAG Recommendations to TWG

- GHG Reporting (CC-2) and GHG Registry (CC-3):
 - Include requirements of “Next Generation Energy Act of 2007” (S.F.145)
- Public Education and Outreach (CC-7):
 - Add faith-based organizations as a separate audience.
 - Include tribal authorities (CC-7.1)
- Participate in Regional and Multi-State GHG Reduction Efforts (CC-11):
 - Change “Consider joining” to “Join”
- Dedicate Greater Public Investment to Climate Data and Analysis (CC-13) / Dedicate Greater Public Investment to Climate-Related Research, Development, and Distribution (CC-14):
 - Include development or improvement of computer modeling
- Facilitate the Development of Terrestrial Sequestration Offsets Market(s) (CC-15):
 - Move to AFW TWG?

TWG Next Steps

- State-level GHG reduction policy options (“catalog”)
 - Can add or consolidate options, as needed
 - Select priority options for MN
- Develop “straw proposals” (design elements and characteristics) for priority policy options
- Flesh out detailed policy options for MCCAG approval; final report

State-Level GHG Reduction Policy Options

- Identify “priorities for analysis” from catalog of states’ GHG reduction policy options (“catalog”)
 - Add or consolidate new MN options as needed
 - Rank and screen options
 - Recommend priority options to the MCCAG

Development of Policy Options

- Design Template / Matrix (see handout)
 - Policy description
 - Design (from design options matrix)
 - Potential implementation mechanisms
 - Related policies/programs in place
 - Type(s) of GHG reductions
 - Estimated GHG savings and cost per MTCO_{2e}
 - 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

Reminder:

Nature of Cross Cutting TWG

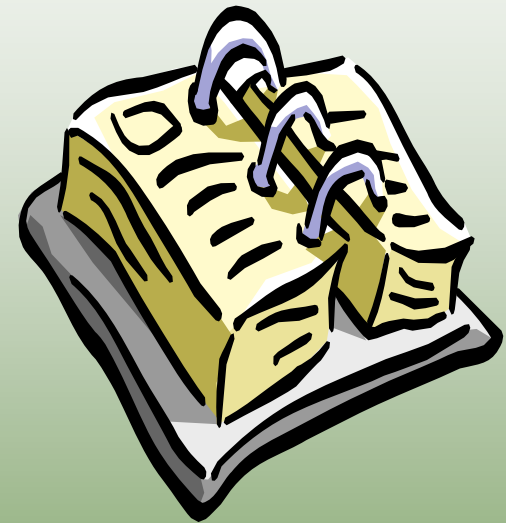
- No underlying sectoral inventory, so the approach is different
- Seek to frame broader, policy-based approaches
- CC TWG is not...
 - A “catch-all” for policy options (e.g., “growth”)
 - To engineer program details or implementation

Cross-Cutting Issues Catalog

- *Please see separate Catalog handout.*

Next TWG Call

- Date and Time
 - August 15, 2007;
 - 2:00 – 3:30 PM Central
- Agenda:
 - Discuss potential priority policy options
 - Discuss approaches for consideration



Public Input, Announcements