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MEETING SUMMARY
KANSAS CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION ADVISORY GROUP
Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management Technical Work Group
(AFW TWG)

Call #2, July 10, 2008, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members: Brad Harrelson (for Steve Baccus), Adrian Polansky, Jessica Bauser (representing KDA), William Upman, Charlie Sedlock, Bud Ludwig.
2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff: Steve Roe (steve.roe@pechan.com), Brad Strode (brad.strode@pechan.com)
3. Kansas Department Health and Environment Observers: Miles Stotts, Tom Gross, Rick Brunetti
4. Governor's Office Observers: Evan Maher
5. Public Attendees: Jay Martin - Deffenbaugh Industries

Background documents:

(all posted at [http://www.ksclimatechange.us/Agriculture Forestry Waste.cfm](http://www.ksclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry_Waste.cfm))

1. Summary of Conference Call #1
2. Meeting Notice and Agenda
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference.
4. AFW Draft Catalog of State Actions.
5. AFW State Actions Descriptions.

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the second conference call of the AFW TWG.

1. Steve Roe called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda and plans for the call.

2. CCS provided a brief review of the Draft Summary of the first AFW Conference Call. The TWG was invited to provide comments on the Summary. Hearing none, the Summary of Call #1 was considered final.
3. CCS asked the TWG members whether anyone objected to having their name and affiliation posted on the TWG webpage. Also, CCS asked the TWG for permission to distribute TWG member contact information amongst the group. No concerns from the TWG were raised.
4. CCS asked if there were any non-KEEP TWG members who were planning to attend the KEEP meeting on August 5. Four TWG members expressed interest
5. CCS ran through the goals for this meeting. The two key items were to identify additional policy actions to add to the draft Catalog of Potential State Actions and begin a thorough review of the Draft KS GHG Emissions Inventory and Forecast (KS I&F).
6. CCS reviewed the Stepwise Planning Process, explaining Step 2 in more depth. Step 2 – the current step in the Process for the TWG – is to expand the Catalog of State Actions. It is the charge of the TWG to add, remove, and revise actions in the current catalog. After the KEEP has reviewed and provided input, the TWG will complete Catalog and prepare to identify key priorities for further analysis.
7. The TWG members were asked to access the current version of the Catalog from the AFW TWG website. CCS ran through the catalog in detail, explaining each option as currently stated. TWG members are encouraged to provide input. Specific changes requested by the TWG were brought forth during the call and additional items can be sent to Brad Strobe up through 7/22/08 at brad.strobe@pechan.com. The following is a brief summary of TWG discussion regarding the Draft AFW Catalog of State Actions:
 - a. Responding to a TWG member comment, CCS reasserted that the goal of this meeting is to work through the Catalog of Actions, while specific language concerning the recent actions should be identified and any specific text submitted off-line to Brad Strobe.
 - b. A TWG member had a comment in regards to AFW-3: Crop Production. The member suggested that many technology improvements (AFW-3.3) have already been made and implemented in Kansas. Work is being done in Kansas in the area of biotechnology that could produce net GHG benefits, and further work has the potential to make a large positive impact. CCS suggested carving out a new action to identify these advances in an option entitled, “Biotechnology Applications for GHG Mitigation.” The TWG member made the group aware of an innovation center that will focus on crops especially important to Kansas.
 - c. A TWG member noted that organic farming may not necessarily lead to a reduction in greenhouse gases. Specifically, it was noted that lower yields leads to more land in production, which may increase net GHG flux. This member noted that a great deal of the potential benefit lies in modern no-till and/or conservation-till practices.

- d. CCS noted before proceeding with an explanation of the Forestry options that all TWG members are invited to provide input on all sectors, even if it is not one's particular area of expertise.
 - e. A TWG member asked whether AFW 9.1 and AFW 9.3 would include a ban on yard waste in landfills that might prevent the capture of GHG emissions from organic wastes. CCS responded by stating that in this stage, the options are still very general. The TWG will have the flexibility to craft these options in detail to meet the specific needs of Kansas, as they are selected as priorities for analysis.
8. CCS asked the TWG to get any further revisions or requests for clarification on the AFW Draft Catalog to Brad Strode within the next ten days (7/22/08), so that they can be a part of the Catalog during the next KEEP meeting.
 9. The AFW TWG will meet at least twice between each KEEP meeting. It has been proposed by CCS that the TWG should meet once per month to keep the process moving. After the next KEEP meeting on August 5, the AFW TWG will begin to identify the options that are priorities for analysis.
 10. At the KEEP meeting on August 5, the KEEP will review the TWG's additions to the Draft Catalog of State Actions, review any changes to the KS I&F, and prepare for the next steps in the process.
 11. CCS asked the TWG whether or not the current day and time is workable for each member. It was suggested that 8:30 central time might be a better start time. Brad Strode will send around another e-mail to the group polling for this alternate time.
 12. CCS noted that during the next call, more time will be allocated for discussion of the Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management appendices of the KS I&F. CCS asked the TWG members to take some time to review the KS I&F so that the group can have a detailed discussion of this document through the next call.
 13. Input from the public was solicited by CCS. Jay Martin from Deffenbaugh Industries asked when the group will be working on the far right hand side of the catalog. Mr. Martin wanted to know whether the TWG will be adding potential implementation mechanisms to this column of the catalog. CCS informed Mr. Martin that once the priorities for analysis have been identified, the TWG will begin to discuss the best ways to implement the proposed options.
 14. KDHE reaffirmed the TWG's charge to add new items to the Recent Actions in Kansas sections of the Catalog and Descriptions Documents.

Next steps and agreements:

1. The next TWG meeting will be held after the KEEP meeting on August 5. CCS will release the time and date of the next TWG meeting shortly.

2. TWG members should review the Catalog of State Actions and send in comments/questions to Steve Roe (steve.roe@pechan.com) and Brad Strode (brad.strode@pechan.com) by 7/22/08.
3. TWG members should review at least the AFW appendices of the GHG Inventory & Forecast Report, so that issues can be discussed on the next call. The I&F report is available at: <http://www.ksclimatechange.us/ewebeditpro/items/O1F17410.pdf>.