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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
Vermont Governor's Commission on Climate Change – Plenary Group (GCCC-PG)
Agriculture, Forestry & Waste Resource Management (AFW)
Technical Work Group
Call #3, December 8, 2006

Attendance:

1. TWG Members: William Sayre, Jennifer Jenkins, Sandy Wilmot, Elizabeth Courtney
2. Public: None
3. CCS: Steve Roe, Katie Bickel
4. VTDEC: Jeff Merrell

Background documents:

(all posted at http://www.vtclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry.cfm)

1. Agenda
2. Power Point Presentation to the AFW TWG
3. AFW Policy Options Catalog
4. Summary notes from Call #2

Discussion and conclusions:

1. Most of the call was spent discussing revisions/additions to the AFW Options Catalog provided by CCS. These included semi-quantitative ratings for each option as to expected GHG reductions and costs, as well as notes on feasibility issues, existing programs, and additional information. TWG members offered additional insight on several options and requested changes to CCS' designation of emission reduction/cost ratings in some instances.
2. In the discussion, CCS and TWG members discussed the issue of packaging individual options in some cases to achieve a more broad-based policy option. CCS noted that this had been done in similar processes in other states (e.g. Ag Soil Carbon Management covering multiple options that aim to achieve higher soil carbon levels; Forest Health Programs designed at maximizing forest carbon benefits; etc.). As mentioned below, VT AFW TWG members will also have the option to do this through the voting process.
3. CCS provided an overview of the next steps in prioritizing AFW policies for analysis by the TWG. Next week, CCS will distribute a ballot via email to each TWG member. Each member will vote on their top 10 options for analysis (one



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vote per option). The ballot will also have a notes section where members can provide additional input on certain options (e.g. combining options).

4. CCS mentioned that once the voting has been consolidated, the results, in the form of a prioritized list, will be distributed to the TWG for review prior to the next call.
5. CCS mentioned that new background materials for the inventory and forecast for the agriculture, forestry, and waste management sectors have been uploaded to the AFW web page (under background documents for Call #3).
6. A set list of dates has been set for the rest of the TWG calls. All calls will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. EST on the following dates: January 4, February 6, March 1, April 10, April 26, June 5, and June 28.

Next steps:

1. CCS will revise the catalog of GHG options based on today's discussion. This document will be posted to the AFW web page under Materials for Call #4. This version of the catalog will serve as the basis for voting on priorities, so members should use it for reference purposes.
2. CCS will distribute a voting ballot via email next week. Members should complete their ballot by December 27 and return it to Steve Roe.
3. CCS will consolidate the voting results and provide these in a summary table before the next call. The consolidated table will be reviewed during the next call.
4. TWG members who missed today's call should call or email Steve Roe (sroe@pechan.com; 916-708-1893) or Katie Bickel (kbickel@gmail.com; 818-779-7861) with questions on the catalog or voting process.