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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 #5, February 6, 2007**

### Attendance:

1. TWG Members: Jennifer Jenkins, Elaine Wang (for Debra Sachs), William Sayre, Phil Benedict, Netaka White, Sandy Wilmot
2. Public: Amos Baehr
3. CCS: Steve Roe
4. VTDEC: Jeff Merrell

### Background documents:

(all posted at [http://www.vtclimatechange.us/Agriculture\\_Forestry.cfm](http://www.vtclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry.cfm))

1. Agenda
2. Power Point Presentation to the AFW TWG
3. AFW Catalog of State Climate Change Mitigation Options
4. Summary from Call #4
5. Example of Completed Policy Option Template

### Discussion and conclusions:

1. CCS reviewed the draft call summary from Call #4. The TWG did not suggest any changes to the draft call summary.
2. CCS reviewed the outcome from the January 18 PG meeting, where the recommended priority options were presented. The PG accepted each of the options and added a 12<sup>th</sup> option on in-state biofuels production.
3. CCS described the next steps in the process of developing straw proposals for each of the 12 priority options. The first step was to assign TWG volunteers to each of the policy options (see attached table). In some instances, TWG members who were not present were “volunteered” by other TWG members based on their background or perceived level of interest for those options on previous calls. CCS requests review by all TWG members of the list of volunteers on page 3 of this summary. The lead volunteer for each option is shown in bold. CCS requests that each TWG member sign up for at least one and preferably 2 to 3 or more options. Contact Steve Roe to make changes to the first volunteer list.
4. Jennifer Jenkins explained that she has four groups of students who will be offering the TWG support to perform research for policy development for the following options: 1, 3,



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- 8, and 9. TWG volunteers looking for assistance from these groups of students should contact Jennifer.
5. CCS reviewed next steps in straw proposal development. CCS will draft initial policy descriptions for each option (Section 1 of the Template) for review and revision by the TWG. The TWG volunteers will draft Section 2, the Policy Design. CCS explained that the policy design has 3 components: a numeric policy goal (e.g. “reduce the rate of conversion of agricultural lands by 30% by 2030); timing (e.g. “reduce the rate of conversion by 10% by 2015 and achieve the full 30% by 2030”); and Coverage of Parties (list of government agencies, industries, organizations, etc, involved in implementing the policy). If portions of Section 4 on Related Policies and Programs in Place can be provided, CCS will also include these in the Straw Proposals for PG review at their next meeting. *However, the TWG volunteers should be focused on Section 2, Policy Design.* This text should be sent by the lead TWG volunteer to Steve Roe via email (in the body of an email is fine) for incorporation.
6. CCS provided an overview of the Inventory and Forecast. Time did not permit detailed review of the agriculture, forestry, and waste management sector inventories and forecasts. This material will be reviewed during the next TWG meeting.

#### Next Steps

1. CCS will provide the Option Descriptions via email by the end of the week.
2. TWG volunteers will provide text on Policy Design to S. Roe by February 20.
3. The next TWG meeting will be 3/1/07 from 1-3 EST.
4. Plenary group meeting will be held on 3/22/07.



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**VT AFW TWG Priorities for Analysis**

<b>AFW Option No.</b>	<b>GHG Reduction Policy Option</b>	<b>TWG Volunteers</b>
1	Programs to Support Local Farming/Buy Local	<b>Debra Sachs</b> , Phil Benedict, Jennifer Jenkins
2	Agricultural Soil Carbon Management Programs	<b>Abe Collins</b> , Phil Benedict
3	Manure Management Methods to Achieve GHG Benefits	<b>Phil Benedict</b> , Abe Collins, Jennifer Jenkins
4	Preserve Open Space/Agricultural Land	<b>Elizabeth Courtney</b> , Phil Benedict
5	Forestry Programs to Enhance GHG Benefits	<b>Jennifer Jenkins</b> , Sandy Wilmot, Bill Sayre
6	Increased Forest Biomass Energy Use	<b>Sandy Wilmot</b> , Bill Sayre, Debra Sachs, Netaka White
7	Forest Protection – Reduced Clearing and Conversion to Nonforest Cover	<b>Sandy Wilmot</b> , Netaka White
8	Expanded Use of Durable Wood Products (especially from VT sources)	<b>Bill Sayre</b> , Sandy Wilmot, Jennifer Jenkins
9	Advanced/Expanded Recycling and Composting	<b>Paula Calabrese</b> , Jennifer Jenkins
10	Programs to Reduce Waste Generation	<b>Paula Calabrese</b> , Debra Sachs
11	Waste Water Treatment - Energy Efficiency Improvements	Paula Calabrese
12	In-State Biofuels Production	<b>Netaka White</b> , Debra Sachs

Lead volunteers in **Bold**.