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*Governor's Commission on Climate Change*



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Plenary Group Meeting #7  
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# Today's Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review of the Agenda
- Review and Approval of GCCC-PG Meeting #6 Summary
- Update on Recent State Climate Actions
- Review and Final Approval of Draft Policy Options
- Timetable for Issuance of Final Report
- Public Input and Announcements

# Meeting Schedule

Date	Action
September 7, 2006	1 <sup>st</sup> GCCC-PG meeting
November 8, 2006	2 <sup>nd</sup> GCCC-PG meeting
January 18, 2007	3 <sup>rd</sup> GCCC-PG meeting
March 22, 2007	4 <sup>th</sup> GCCC-PG meeting
May 17, 2007	5 <sup>th</sup> GCCC-PG meeting
June 21, 2007	6 <sup>th</sup> GCCC-PG meeting
<b>July 26, 2007</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Final GCCC-PG meeting</b>
August 2007	GCCC review meetings (as needed)
Between PG Meetings	Technical Work Group conference calls and meetings

# Recent Climate Developments and State Climate Actions

- H.520
- Florida Climate Summit
- Decision in VT Clean Car Litigation?

# Ten-Step Work Plan

1. **Get organized**
2. **Develop initial GHG inventories and forecasts**
3. **Identify possible GHG mitigation policy options**
4. **Identify initial priority policy options for first round evaluation**
5. **Draft straw design proposals for draft policy options**
6. **Evaluate GHG reduction potential; costs or cost savings**
7. **Identify potential barriers to consensus, alternatives**
8. **Modify, add, or subtract policy options as needed**
9. **Evaluate cumulative results of policy options**
10. **Finalize emissions projections, recommendations, and report language**

# PG Review and Approval of Pending Policy Options

- TWG facilitator presents remaining proposed policy options
- Cover clarifying questions and comments
- Identification of objections, alternatives
  - If no objections, option is approved as final
  - If objections, PG discusses proposed alternatives and votes again if/as needed
  - Categories: Unanimous Consent; Super-majority; Majority

# Energy Supply & Demand

- **ESD-1: Evaluation and Continuation/  
Expansion of Existing DSM for  
Electricity and Natural Gas**
- **ESD-2: Evaluation and Expansion of DSM to  
Other Fuels**
- **ESD-3: Building Efficiency Codes, Training,  
Tracking**
- **ESD-4: Evaluate Potential for Contracting  
Nuclear Power**
- **ESD-5: Support for Combined Heat and Power**

# Energy Supply & Demand

- **ESD-6: Incentives and/or Mandate for Clean Electricity**
- **ESD-7: GHG Cap and Trade and/or CO2 tax**
- **ESD-8: Incentives for Clean Consumer Technologies for Electricity or Heat**
- **ESD-9: Wind-Specific Support Measures**
- **ESD-10: Hydro-Specific Support Measures**

# Transportation & Land Use

- **TLU 1: Compact and Transit-Oriented Development Bundle**
- **TLU 2: Alternatives to Single-Occupancy Vehicles (SOV)**
- **TLU 3: Vehicle Emissions Reductions Incentives**
- **TLU-4: Pay As You Drive Insurance**
- **TLU-5: Alternative Fuels and Infrastructure**

# Transportation & Land Use

- **TLU-6: Regional Intermodal Transportation System (freight and passenger)**
- **TLU-7: Commuter Choice/Parking Cash Out**
- **TLU-8: Plug-In Hybrids**
- **TLU-9: Fuel Tax Funding Mechanism**

# Break



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# Agriculture, Forestry & Waste Resource Management

- **AFW-1: Programs to Support Local Farming/Buy Local**
- **AFW-2: Agricultural Nutrient Management Programs**
- **AFW-3: Manure Management Methods to Achieve GHG Benefits**
- **AFW-4: Protect Open Space/Agricultural Land**
- **AFW-5: Forestry Programs to Enhance GHG Benefits**
- **AFW-6: Increased Forest Biomass Energy Use**

# Agriculture, Forestry & Waste Resource Management

- **AFW-7: Forest Protection – Reduced Clearing and Conversion to Non-Forest Cover**
- **AFW-8: Expanded Use of Durable Wood Products (especially from VT sources)**
- **AFW-9: Advanced/Expanded Recycling and Composting**
- **AFW-10: Programs to Reduce Waste Generation**
- **AFW-11: Waste Water Treatment – Energy Efficiency Improvements**
- **AFW-12: Increase In-State Liquid Biofuels Production – Ethanol and Biodiesel**

# Cross-Cutting Issues

- **CC-1: GHG Inventories and Forecasting**
- **CC-2: GHG Reporting**
- **CC-3: GHG Registry**
- **CC-4: Public Education and Outreach**
- **CC-5: Adaptation**
- **CC-6: GHG Reduction Goals and Targets**
- **CC-7: State GHG Emissions (Lead by Example)**

# Public Input, Announcements

# Finalize Plenary Group Report to the GCCC

- Prepare review draft of final report based on July 26 PG decisions
- Circulate draft to PG for comment
- Revise draft and hold PG conference call
- Make final revisions
- Forward final report to GCCC

