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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 #1, October 19, 2006**

Attendance:

1. TWG Members: Abe Collins, Donald DeHayes, Jennifer Jenkins, Craig Metz (for Steve Faust), Sandy Wilmot
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](http://www.vtclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry.cfm))

1. Agenda
2. Power Point Presentation to the AFW TWG
3. AFW Policy Options Catalog

Discussion and conclusions:

1. CCS provided background on the GCCC-PG process, the role of the TWG, an overview of the steps to be taken, and the final report. A question was raised about how the GCCC process and TWG recommendations are related to state-level goals such as those under the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers and in Governor Douglas's memo. One TWG member indicated that this issue was under discussion by the GCCC-PG. CCS will inquire and report back to the TWG on this issue.
2. CCS provided an overview of the VT inventory and forecast and a quick review of the AFW sector emissions. CCS explained that the inventory and forecast will be reviewed in greater detail during the next 2 to 3 TWG calls. The VT Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation reported having potentially useful data on harvest statistics. CCS will explore with VT DFPR the possibility of incorporating these data for the inventory and forecast. The draft inventory and forecast report is nearing completion. CCS will notify the TWG when the report is posted.
3. CCS did a quick review the AFW TWG policy options catalog. Time only permitted a review of the categories of policy options for each sector (agriculture,



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forestry, and waste management). Additional time will be spent on the next call to go over the individual options in more detail. In the meantime, as mentioned under next steps below, TWG members are asked to review the catalog and provide CCS with any options that they feel are missing. The TWG was asked to consider whether to have CCS begin to fill in the information on potential GHG reductions and costs based on the VT inventory and forecast data, reductions estimated for similar options in other states, and professional judgment.

Next steps:

1. TWG members will review the AFW catalog of GHG policy options and submit additions to this list to Steve Roe ([sroe@pechan.com](mailto:sroe@pechan.com)). Please send any new additions by close of business on Wednesday, November 1.
2. TWG members who were not able to make the call are asked to review the call materials from today's call.
3. The next call is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2006, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. The physical meeting location will be announced and distributed to the group shortly. Tentatively, the meeting will be held at the DEC offices in Waterbury. Steve Roe plans to attend this meeting in-person and is interested in hearing from TWG members who can do the same. Agenda items for the next call include going over the inventory and forecast and catalog of policy options in more detail. We will also discuss the next steps for prioritizing policy options for analysis.