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IOWA CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COUNCIL Cross-Cutting (CC) Issues Subcommittee Call #11- August 13, 2008 Draft- 9/26/08

Attendance- ICCAC Cross-Cutting Subcommittee Members

- Jerry Schnoor, UI
- Nile Lanning, IBEW
- Rick Ney, Renewable Fuels Association
- Dr. Bill Stigliani, UNI–Center for Energy and Environmental Education
- Teresa Galluzzo, Public Member/Iowa Policy Project

State Agency Participants:

- Marnie Stein, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Air Quality Bureau

Public Participants:

- None identified

Center for Climate Strategies

- Tom Looby and June Taylor

Background Documents

- Notice and Agenda
- PowerPoint for Call #10
- Call #9 Meeting Draft Summary
- Draft Cross-Cutting Issues Policy Option Document

Discussion Items

1. Tom Looby: The main task of today's call is to continue development of the Draft Policy Options Document (POD) for the upcoming ICCAC meeting.

2. Last meeting summary review/approval: the Draft Summary was approved without changes.
3. Tom Looby reviewed the goals for the upcoming ICCAC meeting on slide # 5: Review and approval of Straw Proposals from Subcommittees (Policy Descriptions and Policy Designs, Implementation Mechanisms, Related Policies, and Programs/Policies in Place elements). We now need to have our completed templates ready. Also, as noted on our last call, if a Subcommittee (SC) has recommendations on the draft Iowa Emissions Inventory & Forecast those should be sent to Marnie Stein and Tom Looby for discussion at the upcoming ICCAC meeting. For the other Subcommittees there will also be a review of the quantification results. (The CC SC does not do quantifications.)
4. On the ongoing step-wise process: Jerry Schnoor asked a question about whether options could be changed at the next ICCAC meeting. Yes, but we hope this will be kept to a minimum due to time constraints. The ICCAC will only give approval to those options that they support. Other subcommittees (SCs) are doing quantifications of the emissions reductions and costs/savings involved. Some SCs are meeting next week, so we won't have an overview of the reductions and costs/savings until the end of the month. These will be presented to ICCAC on Sept. 3-4.

Discussion of Options

Tom went through an overview of the Policy Option Document and the highlighted areas indicating changes from the last draft.

1. **CC-1. GHG Inventories, Forecasting, Reporting, and Registry.** One of the highlighted points is the lack of funding to do all the items in option CC-1. With the changes, this option was okayed by the group
2. **CC-2. Statewide GHG Reduction Goals and Targets.** The group okayed with changes noted on the track edit version provided for this meeting.
3. **CC-3. State and Local Government GHG Emissions (Lead-by-Example).** On page 9 Jerry suggested this challenge apply not only to state agencies, but also to the citizens of IA. No one objected to broadening the scope. Marnie Stein asked about what the "budget" means – is that what the agency plans to emit? Tom Looby said yes, this is the meaning. On page 12 the additional language on the "boost to some segments of the economy," the group agreed to remove "some segments of" from this line. With this edit and the change in the scope to be broader, CC-3 was approved for submission to the ICCAC.
4. **CC-4. Education and Outreach.** Bill Stigliani provided additional language which was discussed at the last meeting. A typo in costs (\$330K on costs) was caught. With this edit, the Subcommittee approved CC-4 for submission to the ICCAC.
5. **CC-4.2: Ethics and Education** Father Bud Grant was not on the call today. He sees a need for a course on this, but it may be that this process is the best way to address this

need. Several members feel that this should be dropped. Unless Father Bud attends ICCAC's next meeting to advocate for it, it likely will be dropped. Someone asked if there could be a "sense of the Council" that ethical foundations are important. Tom Looby said the Council could decide to add some language about this. Nile heard some push back from the ICCAC – that it is not right to be "preaching" to people about their ethics. Looby asked about leaving it in for the next ICCAC meeting. If Father Bud comes, he can explain and advocate for it. The sense of the Subcommittee at this point is to not recommend it for further action. Looby asked if there might be another approach to ethical considerations. Jerry suggested adding a line to CC-4 (perhaps as a tenet on page 13) that ethics are a part/tenet of any education effort. Jerry volunteered to send Tom a sentence to add –likely to the description. For the next meeting CC-4.2 will be left in the draft POD, but with the caveat that the full SC recommends incorporating the substitute language into CC-4 in lieu of having the full sub-option 2 included. This was agreed to by the SC.

10. **CC-6. Seek Funding for Implementation of ICCAC Recommendations.** The need for funding is noted in the current draft. Changes were agreed to clarify the "Uncertainties" section.
11. **CC-7. Adaptation and Vulnerability.** A few clarifications were made to the language in the "Uncertainties" section. Marnie is sending new language about the DNR adaptation staffer. With these changes, there were no objections to moving this option forward.
12. **CC-8. Participate in Regional and Multi-State GHG Reduction Efforts.** On the "Costs and Benefits" section the SC decided to add a line about the resulting benefits to the economy, to energy security as well as to human health and the environment.
13. **CC-9. Encourage the Creation of a Business-Oriented organization to Facilitate Investments in Climate-Related Business Opportunities and to Share Information and Strategies, Recognize Successes and Support Aggressive GHG Reductions Goals.** On "Uncertainties" the SC added a line on the future of biofuels being uncertain, but longer-term hold promise, especially through cellulosic crops which could further spur Iowa's economy. There were not other changes to this option, which was approved for submission to the ICCAC.

With the above changes, the entire package, except Option 2, was approved by the SC for submission at the next ICCAC meeting, Sept. 3-4.

Next Steps

1. Revisions to the Options based on today's changes will be circulated to the Subcommittee.
2. The other TWGs' quantification tables on their policy options will be part of the Status Memo for the next meeting. It will also be in the PowerPoint and will be posted prior to the ICCAC meeting.

3. As noted during last meeting, the CC SC is tasked with developing suggestions regarding proposed GHG reduction goals and targets as the information from the quantification process becomes available. The IA GHG Reduction Goals include:
 - 2005 Baseline year
 - 2012 Short Term Goal - TBD
 - 2020 Mid-Term Goal – TBD
 - 2050 Long-Term Goals – 50% to 90%

The CC Subcommittee will use the quantifications from the other SC's to assess the potential reductions and associated costs. Based on those results, the SC will develop proposed goals and targets for consideration by ICCAC at the 7th meeting. This will be an iterative process as the information from the other SCs is developed. Each Subcommittee has a person assigned to develop the quantifications. More than one scenario is being run for some options. Randy Strait will pull them altogether into an “alligator jaws” graphic to show how much reduction is estimated from each sector over time. A table showing other states' goal – ranging from a low of 24% (NY) to a high of 144% (AZ) was presented.

4. Next CC Subcommittee call is scheduled for Sept. 30, 2008 (rather than Sept. 17) at noon. That call will focus on any follow-up from the ICCAC meeting and the process for framing goals and targets for 2050 and interim years of 2012 and 2020. The next ICCAC meeting is scheduled for Sept 3 and 4.
5. Final ICCAC meeting is Nov. 10. The Report is to be completed in mid-December.

Public Comment and Announcements

No comments were offered from the public. There were no further announcements.