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**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
NEW MEXICO CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY GROUP  
Sante Fe, New Mexico  
Meeting #1, July 27, 2005**

**Attending:** Aaboe, Abeyta, Albert, Bearden, Bensinger, Boulanger, Burks, Caldera, Curl, Curry, Ely, Epel, Esslinger, Fox, Gallegos, Gantner, Garcia, Goldstein, Gosz, Green, Grogan, Guthrie, Holgui, Kaplan, Lee, Lewis, Luce, Martin, McCampbell, Melton, Musick, Norton, Prager, Romero, Salopek, Santistevan, Singer, Smith, Tavaraz, Thaddeus, Uhl, Watchman-Moore, Weaver, and Zak.

Secretary Ron Curry gave opening remarks on the purpose of CCAG and its overall process. EPD Director Jim Norton reviewed the greenhouse gas emission targets and other provisions of the Governor's Executive Order. Sandra Ely (EPD) informed the CCAG of some logistical matters.

Tom Peterson (CCS) presented on the history and status of state climate actions. Craig O'Hare (EMNRD) presented on current NM actions with an emphasis on clean energy initiatives. Tom Peterson presented on the details of the CCAG process. Questions and discussion followed, clarifying that:

- CCAG will examine distributional effects of policy options on a case by case basis if they seem significant and can be analyzed; and
- Technical work groups (TWGs) do not make decisions on policy options, but provide guidance and response to the CCAG.

Mike Lazarus (CCS) presented on emissions inventory and baseline forecast methodologies. During lunch, John Overpeck (University of Arizona) presented on the science of climate change, global impacts, and impacts on the Southwest. Mike Lazarus presented on the draft GHG emissions inventory and baseline forecast for New Mexico. Mike emphasized that sequestration data is uncertain at this stage of the process, and that some of the energy production estimates (oil and gas) are new with little precedent in other states. Steve Roe presented the role of black carbon in climate change, and on a draft inventory of black carbon emissions in New Mexico. Questions and discussion followed, clarifying that:

- the CCAG must aim for a set of policy options that meets the Governor’s targets as set forth in the Executive Order, and not choose alternate targets based on cost;
- CCAG should choose a set of policy options based, in part, at minimizing cost, but other considerations may factor in as well;
- CCAG may examine possible tie-ins with regional and national approaches if they seem warranted.

Various CCAG members commented on:

- the distinction between “cost per ton” and “cost-effective”;
- the potential impact of the Central American Free Trade Agreement; the potential impacts of climate policy on economic development;
- the importance of looking at lifecycle costs;
- the desirability of completing the GHG inventory earlier than the schedule indicates;
- the desirability of more information on other states’ plans;
- the desirability of having federal government agencies participate on the TWGs; and
- the desirability of further discussion on criteria for selection.

Tom Peterson laid out the early agenda for the TWGs:

- Examine the draft GHG inventory and forecast
- Brainstorm on policy options
- Select initial priorities from a long list of potential policy options
- Examine issues related to the modeling of policy options

The date of October 19 was selected for the next CCAG meeting. The meeting will be held in Albuquerque with an exact location to be determined. Initial TWG conference calls will take place before then.

Tom Peterson laid out the early agenda for the next CCAG meeting, including:

- Review of CCAG progress and next steps
- Review and approval of “long list” of potential New Mexico policy actions and initial priorities for Technical Work Group (TWG) analysis
- Review and approval of suggested TWG updates to emissions inventories and forecasts
- Review of cross cutting reporting, registry and education issues
- Review of basic decision criteria and quantification approaches for examining policy options

The CCAG then took public comments:

- A representative from the New Mexico Public Health Association emphasized the need to assess how climate change and policy responses affect real people in their daily lives, and the

potential to move away from the “booms and busts of a fossil fuel-dominated energy markets.”

- A representative of the Unitarian/Universalist Global Warming Task Force echoed the comment above and emphasized the need to look at global equity dimensions of climate change.
- An organic farmer emphasized the multiple GHG benefits of organic farming and locally produced food. She also recommended attention to adaptation to climate change.
- A small business emphasized the need for access to the grid by small energy producers, and offered the recent Chinese energy plan as worthy of attention.

Deputy Secretary Derrith Watchman-Moore made closing remarks and thanked the members of the CCAG for their willingness to participate in the process.