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AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY TWG CALL #5, 12/19/05 8:30 – 10:00 A.M.

Attendance:

1. TWG members: Cecilia Abeyta, Joel Brown, Jason Allen, Brian Hurd, Louise Pape, Amy Welch, Patrick McCarthy, Michael Ebinger, Dave Borland
2. NMED staff: Brad Musick
3. CCS staff: Steve Roe, Tom Peterson, Holly Lindquist
4. Other attendees: Sarah Laeng-Gilliatt (Institute for Nonviolent Economics)

Background documents:

(all posted at <http://www.nmclimatechange.us/documents.cfm>, click on Agriculture and Forestry TWG)

1. Agenda: see presentation for Call #5 (Slide #2) below.
2. Presentation for Call #5
3. Draft Call#4 Summary
4. Updated policy matrix
5. CCS Policy List

Discussion items and key issues:

1. CCS provided a review of the call summary for Call #4 (see link above) and TWG members on the call approved the summary without objection.
2. CCS presented a new, consolidated list (see background document # 5) that will include the options the TWG designates as high priority for analysis. The list cross-references to the AF TWG “long list” of options so that members can refer back, but the short list will be used to brief CCAG at the next meeting and will be the focus for initial analysis purposes moving forward.
3. TWG continued to review the Policy Matrix and discussed assigned priorities for analysis.
 - a. The “short list” for Forestry options was approved.

- b. TWG would like to add pecan waste as biomass feedstock. This will be included under Ag Option 1.3 unless the impacts are found to be too small to consider alone, in which case it will be added to Forestry Option 8.1.
 - c. Agriculture Options 2.2 (Manure Management), 4.1 (Convert Land to Grassland or Forest), 4.2 (Reduce Permanent Conversion of Farm and Rangelands to Developed Uses), 5.1 (Organic Farming), and 5.2 (Programs to Support Local Farming/ Buy Local) will be raised from Medium priority to High priority and added to the short list.
 - d. Other revisions to the Policy Matrix:
 - i. Reference to wheat straw and corn stover will be removed from Ag Option 1.3
 - ii. Reference to converting to forestland will be removed from Ag Option 4.1. Instead of conversion to forests, annual crops may be converted to perennial crops (orchards).
 - iii. Ag Option 5.1 (Organic Farming) will be linked to Ag Option 3.1.
4. TWG members on the call volunteered to participate on CCS-facilitated sub-groups to complete policy design templates for the options on the short list. (See attached list.)

Next steps and agreements:

1. The next call will be January 10. During that call, the list of volunteers will be finalized.
2. After the Jan 10 call, the next call will not be held until mid-February after the Legislative session. Members will work “offline” to develop straw proposals (Items 1-4 on the policy template). Information important to the TWG as a whole will be made available via email.
3. CCS will post an MS Word version of the policy template, so that volunteers can begin filling these in. As volunteers fill in the template, they should send them to CCS for consolidation in a master draft.

List of Attachments: List of sub-group volunteers.

Agriculture and Forestry Technical Work Group

Volunteers for Straw Proposal Development

#	Policy Name	# From Long List Policy Matrix	Volunteers	Email addresses
	FORESTRY			
F1	Forestland Protection from Developed Uses	6.1	[Brad Musick will talk to forestry experts about taking the lead]	brad.musick@state.nm.us
F2a	Forest Health and Restoration – Residential Lands	6.8, 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.16, 6.17, 6.18, 6.19 and possibly 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, and 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.6	[Brad Musick will talk to forestry experts about taking the lead], Amy Welch, Patrick McCarthy	brad.musick@state.nm.us , amy_p_welch@yahoo.com , pmccarthy@tnc.org
F2b	Forest Health and Restoration – Other Lands	6.8, 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.16, 6.17, 6.18, 6.19 and possibly 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, and 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.6	[Brad Musick will talk to forestry experts about taking the lead], Amy Welch, Patrick McCarthy	brad.musick@state.nm.us , amy_p_welch@yahoo.com , pmccarthy@tnc.org
	AGRICULTURE			
A1	Manure Digesters	1.1	Amy Welch (L), Michael Ebinger	amy_p_welch@yahoo.com , mhe@lanl.gov
A2	Biomass Feedstocks for Electricity or Steam Production	1.3	Brad Lewis (L), Amy Welch, Michael Ebinger	blewis@nmsu.edu , amy_p_welch@yahoo.com , mhe@lanl.gov
A3	Ethanol Production	1.4	Brian Hurd (L), Amy Welch, Michael Ebinger	bhhurd@nmsu.edu , amy_p_welch@yahoo.com , mhe@lanl.gov
A4	Nutrient Management	2.1	Brian Hurd (L), Michael Ebinger	bhhurd@nmsu.edu , mhe@lanl.gov
A5	Manure Management	2.2	Cecilia Abeyta (L)	cabeyta@zianet.com
A6	Conservation Tillage/No-Till	3.1	Joel Brown (L), Cecilia Abeyta	joelbrow@nmsu.edu , cabeyta@zianet.com
A7	Convert Agricultural Land to Grassland or Orchards	4.1	Joel Brown (L), Brian Hurd	joelbrow@nmsu.edu , bhhurd@nmsu.edu
A8	Reduce Permanent Conversion of Farm and Rangelands to Developed Uses	4.2	Amy Welch (L), Cecilia Abeyta	amy_p_welch@yahoo.com , cabeyta@zianet.com
A9	Organic Farming	5.1	Louise Pape (L), Michael Ebinger	louisepape@aol.com , mhe@lanl.gov
A10	Programs to Support Local Farming/Buy Local	5.2	Louise Pape (L), Amy Welch	louisepape@aol.com , amy_p_welch@yahoo.com

Note: (L) refers to group leader.