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AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY TWG CALL #9, 6/27/06 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Attendance:

1. TWG members: Cecilia Abeyta, Joel Brown, Tim Darden, Paula Garcia, Bruce Milne, Brad Lewis, Louise Pape, Amy Welch, Patrick McCarthy, Michael Ebinger
2. NMED staff: Brad Musick
3. CCS staff: Steve Roe
4. Other attendees: Jim Behnken

Background documents:

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

1. Agenda: see presentation for Call #9.
2. Presentation for Call #9
3. Draft Call #8 Summary
4. CCS, NM AF TWG Policy Descriptions

Discussion items and key issues:

1. CCS provided a review of the call summary for Call #8. This review included the need to get input from the CC TWG on the Carbon Mapping Project proposal submitted by the group in April.
2. The bulk of the call was spent reviewing the draft policy options document and associated quantifications of GHG benefits and costs. Brad Musick mentioned new proposed ethanol production capacity in the state and asked if that had been incorporated into the quantifications for Option A3. Steve Roe responded that this had not been incorporated and asked that information on future ethanol production be provided.

3. Several members indicated a desire to edit option language in the draft document. Members were asked to forward recommended language within the next two weeks and no later than 7/19/06.
4. TWG members were asked to include language in the “Contributing Issues” section of each option on potential impacts to state revenue, whenever tax incentives were mentioned within the implementation methods.
5. Option A10 – Local Farming Support: Amy asked whether Phoenix was used to calculate the distance food traveled to the state. Steve responded that this was a typo that would be fixed. For NM, Albuquerque was used as the location to calculate the distance that food travels from the point of origin into NM.

Next steps and agreements:

1. TWG members will submit recommended changes in language to S. Roe within the next two weeks. S. Roe will revise the document and distribute it with the highlighted changes before the next TWG call.
2. CCS will obtain input from the CC TWG on the Carbon Mapping Project proposal submitted by the TWG and suggest next steps. If no action is taken by the CC TWG, CCS will ask whether TWG members would like to include it as an attachment to the AF TWG policy options document.
3. The next AF TWG meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on August 7 (day before the next CCAG meeting). The TWG will review the final version of the policy options for submittal to the CCAG.