



MONTANA CLIMATE SOLUTIONS COUNCIL

GHG MITIGATION COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION

Friday, December 6, 2019

9:00 am – 11:00 am

DEQ Room 111 and Call-In

ATTENDEES

- In Person:
 - Laura Rennick, DEQ
 - Chris Dorrington, DEQ
 - Jeff Blend, DEQ
 - Dave Galt, MT Petroleum Association
 - Brian DeKiep, NWPPC
 - Diego Rivas, Northwest Energy Coalition
- Phone:
 - Shaun McGrath, DEQ
 - Gary Wiens, MT Electric Co-Ops
 - Kirk Lundby, MT Electric Co-Ops
 - Tom Armstrong, Madison River Group
 - Alan Olsen, MT Petroleum Association
 - Lauren Berka, Dept. of Administration
 - Mike Tooley, Dept. of Transportation
 - Laura Peterson, IndigoAg
 - Kathy Hadley
 - Sally Ericsson
 - Tracy Stone-Manning, National Wildlife Federations
 - Bo Downen, NWPPC
 - Jennifer Anders, NWPPC
 - Caitlin Piserchia, MT Chapter of Sierra Club
 - Andrew Valainis, MREA

THEMES

- Director McGrath discussion of goals for the meeting to review recommendations (not yet at a point of voting on recommendations) and plan of presenting high-level overview of white papers (opportunities and obstacles) for the Full Council Meeting on December 9 and 10.
- **Check in on sub-groups and recommendations**
- **Power Sector Subgroups**
 - **Inventory and Modeling:** no changes to white paper, need direction from full committee on where to take it. Need some additional information to complete the analysis. Discussion on additional inventory and the future of existing resources fossil and hydro. Interest and concern to additional discussion of breaching existing Snake River dams. Kirk will take the lead on drafting.

- **Transmission and Electricity Markets:** No major changes. Are we looking at export RE opportunities or just in-state needs?
- **Energy Efficiency:** A few updates to white paper: pay for performance, on-bill financing. Potential for higher-level demand response recommendations? Concerns from the co-ops on efficiency standards, Gary will send to Shaun.
- **Renewable Energy:** No major changes to recommendations. Some opportunity to discuss recommendations in tandem with others.
- **CCUS and Clean Tech:** A few edits but no major changes. White paper does not yet have a specific recommendation. Some concerns not yet included in recommendations. Send concerns to Shaun. Alan suggests having Board of Oil and Gas submit recommendation to have the state take primacy on Class VI injection wells.
- **Economy Wide Subgroups**
 - **Inventory and Modeling:** Covered under power sector.
 - **Farms, Ranch land, forest, and wood products:** No major changes, but did broaden stakeholder list. Brought in DNRC to look at grazing lands.
 - **Transportation:** No changes.
 - **Industrial:** No changes, still need to gather information.
 - **Residential and Commercial:** Folded into power sector sub-group.
 - **Oil and Gas:** Added and example of best practices.
 - **Tribal and Local Governments:** Mostly includes updates.
 - **State Agencies:** Need additional input from other state agencies before all recommendations are included.
- Need to map out how we get from rough draft to refined recommendations for public comment on January 31.
- **Preparation for Full Council Meeting**
 - GHG may flip with Technology, look for final agenda.
 - Shaun and Tracy will kick-off GHG discussion. Discuss process and move quickly to allow subgroup representatives to give a quick preview (2-3 minutes) of what the break-outs will discuss. Representatives should plan to facilitate the break-outs to gather feedback from broader Council membership.
 - *Those not in a break-out they worked on should provide speaking points to break-out leaders if possible.*
 - **Break-Out Discussions:**
 - **RE, Transmission, Markets, Peak and Capacity Challenges:** Andrew
 - **Energy Efficiency, Residential & Commercial, Tribal & Local Governments:** Diego
 - **Industrial, Oil & Gas:** Alan
 - **Farms, Ranch Lands, Forests, and Wood Products:** Kristy or Ben (Dept. of Ag)
 - **Transportation:** Chuck
 - **State Agencies:** Lauren
 - General public comment opportunities will be available but not for individual break-outs.