



Connecticut Climate Change

GSC Meeting Minutes from 2008:

January 2008 briefing notes

March 26, 2008

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Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change January 2008 Briefing Notes (January 10, 2008 Meeting was Canceled)

1. **Minutes from October 9, 2007 GSC Meeting** – See attached document “100907 GSC meeting minutes.” Please e-mail lynn.stoddard@po.state.ct.us to request any revisions to the minutes.

2. **Update on Climate Change Public Stakeholder Meetings** –
 - The stakeholder meeting focusing on transportation issues was held on November 27, 2007 in Fairfield. DOT staff took the lead in organizing the meeting and Deputy Commissioner Martin made a presentation on “Transportation Systems and Responsible Growth.” An update on the transportation actions within the Connecticut Climate Change Action Plan was given, as well a presentation by Ed Houghton (Pitney Bowes) on “Employer Perspective on Reducing Employee Trips.” A Breakout Session focused on new ideas, such as strategies, technologies, and incentives that government, businesses, and citizens could employ to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Approximately 69 people attended.
 - The stakeholder meeting focusing on Non-electric Energy Use was held on January 24, 2008 in Middletown. OPM staff took the lead in organizing the meeting and Under Secretary Mengacci provided welcoming remarks and introduced the speakers. The presentations included a video excerpt on “Peak Oil – Impending Crisis or Opportunity?,” an update on fossil fuel actions in the CT Climate Change Action Plan, and a presentation by Fred Loxsom (ECSU) on “Combined Heat and Power, Solar Thermal, Geothermal.” Approximately 56 people attended. A Breakout Session focused on new ideas, such as strategies, technologies, and incentives to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels (non-transportation).
 - The agendas, directions, summaries of the breakout session ideas, and other information for all stakeholder meetings are posted at: <http://ctclimatechange.com/stakeholder.html>
 - In sum, the stakeholder meetings are going very well, with attendance between 60 – 100 people at each meeting, informative presentations, and excellent participation by stakeholders in the breakout session discussions. C4 staff from the different agencies are doing a great job organizing and presenting at the meetings. The C4 will review the GHG reduction ideas submitted to date, sort them for high GHG reduction potential, identify

technical assistance needed, review the stakeholder process to date, make improvements for the remainder of the stakeholder meetings, and propose a process for incorporating new ideas into the Climate Change Action Plan.

3. **Tremaine Foundation Funding Proposal to Incorporate Climate Change into Governor Rell's OneThing™ Campaign** – In November, the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation invited a grant proposal from the Governor's Steering Committee/C4 to incorporate climate change into the OneThing™ Campaign. After meetings with OPM staff, Climate Change Education Committee, Tremaine staff, and others, the C4 developed a proposal that was endorsed by OMP, DEP, and CCEF. The final proposal, submitted on January 14, 2008, requests \$75,000 to:
 - 1) Develop a OneThing™ Action Multiplier on the www.onethingct.com website that shows dollar, energy, and climate savings of OneThing™ actions. The Multiplier would show meaningful equivalencies of these savings (e.g., number of houses that could be powered rather than kwh) and be designed to:
 - enable individuals to see the impact of specific actions,
 - show the multiplied impacts of many people doing one thing,
 - provide feedback to the public on the overall impact of many one things, and
 - provide metrics to measure the effectiveness and success of changing behavior through the OneThing™ campaign.
 - 2) Integrate OneThing™ branding and marketing into CT Climate Change initiative:
 - Integrate OneThing™ branding into www.ctclimatechange.com web site.
 - Revise climate change action fact sheets into "OneThing™ you can do about climate change," with OneThing™ logo, website, etc.
 - Integrate OneThing™ branding/marketing into Climate Change Action Plan implementation initiatives.See attached document "EHTF One Thing proposal Jan08."
4. **Update on Draft Report on Progress in 2007** – C4 is drafting the annual Report on Progress in Implementing the CT Climate Change Action Plan. The brief report will highlight major accomplishments of 2007, measuring progress (GHG reductions from major programs and key areas of GHG growth), and challenges ahead. In addition to the narrative, there will be a "photo album of Climate Change Action Plan implementation 2007," which will include photos and brief captions of GHG actions throughout the state (e.g., public stakeholder meetings, bike racks on CT Transit buses, fuel cell bus, biodiesel fueling stations, clean energy installations, truck stop electrification, farmland preservation, farmers markets, Climate Change Leadership Award winners, Cool It award winners, etc.). C4 will provide the draft report to GSC for review in the end of January, with a plan to submit copies of the final report to the 4 legislative committee co-chairs at the beginning of the legislative session in February.
5. **Update on Draft Letter on 2050 Plan** – In accordance with CGS 22a-200a(c), by January 1, 2008, the GSC shall develop an amended climate change action

plan for achieving the state's contribution towards reaching the long-term regional goal of 75 – 85% reductions by 2050. C4 is drafting a letter to the environment committee that will describe planning initiatives to develop strategies to meet the 2050 GHG goals (i.e., the bi-monthly stakeholder meetings) and other work planned to develop a 2050 plan. The draft letter will be forward to the GSC for comment.

6. **2008 Climate Change Leadership Awards Program (CCCLAP)** –The 2008 CCCLAP has been launched on the state climate change web site – click here to view CCCLAP web pages -

<http://ctclimatechange.com/CTClimateChangeLeadershipAwards.html>

Nominations are being accepted through February 22, 2008. C4 is preparing a draft press release to officially launch the 2008 program. C4 will present the list of proposed award winners to GSC for a vote at the March 12, 2008 GSC meeting.

7. **Other**

- **RGGI** - On January 8, 2008, CT DEP officially proposed two new regulations, section 22a-174-31 (Section 31) and section 22a-174-31(a) (Section 31a), to implement the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) in Connecticut. A comment period on the proposed rules is currently underway, and a hearing is scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2008. DEP is aiming to finalize the RGGI regulations by late May 2008. Further details are available at http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=332278&depNav_GID=1619. On a regional level, the ten RGGI states continue to collaborate on tasks such as developing an emissions & allowance tracking system and a regional auction platform. RFPs have been issued for such items, and staff from RGGI states are currently involved with evaluating the proposals.
- **EPA Decision on CA Tailpipe GHG Emission Standards** - Acting contrary to advice from its own lawyers and scientists, on December 19, 2007 the US EPA formally denied a request from California for a waiver under the federal Clean Air Act that would have allowed California, Connecticut and up to 15 other states to regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from motor vehicle tailpipes for the first time ever. California, along with Connecticut and several other Northeastern states, adopted the GHG emission standards in 2005, and California sought a waiver from EPA at that time. EPA's action comes almost two years after California submitted its request, after two unsuccessful industry court challenges on the underlying tailpipe GHG regulations, and after California, Connecticut and other interested states threatened to sue EPA for unreasonable delay in acting on the California waiver request. California, Connecticut and most of the other states that have already adopted the tailpipe GHG regulations are appealing EPA's decision. On January 24, 2008 the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a public hearing to further examine EPA's rationale behind the denial of California's waiver request. The EPA Administrator appeared to defend the agency's action. However, many more appeared to convey their opposition to

EPA's action. Those appearing also included several state governors. The Governors of the states of Vermont, Maryland and Pennsylvania appeared at the hearing and offered testimony opposing EPA's decision. In addition, Governor Rell submitted written testimony critical of EPA's decision. Additional information on Governor Rell's written testimony is available at <http://www.ct.gov/governorrell/cwp/view.asp?Q=404618&A=3293>

2008 GSC meeting schedule

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All meetings are from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Russell Room at DEP.

January 10, 2008 - canceled

March 12, 2008

June 11, 2008

September 10, 2008



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Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change

MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2008

Meeting Participants

GSC Attendees/Designees: DEP Commissioner McCarthy, DPUC Commissioner George, OPM Undersecretary Mengacci, CCEF Chairman Bowles, Ned Hurle (DOT).
C4 staff participants: Don Casella (DAS), David Goldberg (CCEF), Bob Wall (CCEF), John Ruckes (OPM), Steve DeI Papa (DOT), Cindy Jacobs (DPUC), Dennis Barry (DSS), Lynn Stoddard (DEP), Paul Farrell (DEP), Tracy Babbidge (DEP), Molly Curtis (DEP)

Agenda and Notes

8. Public Comments – There were no public comments.
9. Approve Minutes from October 9, 2007 GSC Meeting – The minutes were approved.
10. Completion of 2007 Progress Report, Signing of Cover Letter, Signing of Letter on 2050 Plan – GSC asked that the title be changed to reflect the discussion in the beginning of the report on challenges. The new title will be “Challenges and Accomplishments in Implementing Connecticut’s Climate Change Action Plan: Progress Made in 2007.” Chairman Bowles noted the need for strong federal leadership on climate legislation. CCEF has been working with the federal delegation to continue tax incentives for renewable energy (production tax credit). The GSC members signed the cover letter to the report and the letter addressing the 2050 plan.
11. Update on Climate Change Public Stakeholder Meetings and Summary of GHG Action Ideas from Stakeholders – Lynn Stoddard reviewed the 5 stakeholder meetings that have been held since June 2007. There has been very good participation at the meetings and the stakeholders have provided much input on new actions to reduce GHG emissions. A summary of ideas submitted to date was handed out to the GSC. GSC said they want to move ahead on these actions now, without waiting until the conclusion of all of the stakeholder meetings. GSC asked C4 to prepare a matrix for GSC to use to decide what GHG actions to begin moving forward on. C4 will develop the matrix and include columns such as: already being implemented, short-term, long-term, legislation required, fiscal impact, technical help needed. C4 will circulate a matrix format to GSC, then complete the matrix and e-mail to GSC prior to a special meeting of the GSC to discuss the matrix and decide on which actions to adopt. This special meeting should be scheduled for mid-May, after the end of the legislative session. The actions approved by the GSC will form the next generation of CT’s Climate Change Action Plan and provide a foundation for a GSC legislative package on climate change for next year’s session.

12. Vote on Proposed Awardees for CT Climate Change Leadership Awards Program – Bob Wall presented an overview of the 2008 CCCLAP nominations and review process. There were a total of 26 nominations for 19 nominees (some were nominated more than once). The nominees represented a good cross section of sectors. The C4 review committee reviewed all nominations, ranked them, performed environmental compliance checks and proposed the following candidates for 2008 CCCLAP awards: Curtis Packaging, City Seed, City of Stamford, Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment, Green Council at Whitney Center, Little People/Big Changes, and ING. The GSC voted and unanimously approved the recommended candidates. GSC appreciated the broad cross section represented by the awardees and suggested that C4 work to assure a broad cross section of nominees in the future, perhaps by looking to make awards within certain sectors and categories.
13. Overview of Legislative Proposals on Climate Change – Paul Farrell reviewed the legislative proposals related to climate change that are currently being considered by the General Assembly. The bills cover many areas, such as financing, green loans and tax credits, transportation, electricity generation, telecommuting, etc. The major climate bill is HB 5600 that proposes mandatory GHG targets (based on the current voluntary GHG targets), energy building inspectors, incorporating GHG impacts into reviews under the CT Environmental Policy Act, transportation alternative studies, limits on carbon emissions associated with electric generation, and creating a GSC Task Force on Adaptation. The fiscal note is very large (\$1 million in the first year and exceeding \$4 million by year 5) Implementation of the bill may be funded through use of CO2 allowance auction proceeds under RGGI. Both DEP and DOT have commented on the bill. DEP is concerned about a facility-by-facility GHG standard that would conflict with RGGI. DOT is concerned about potentially duplicative transportation planning requirements.
14. Update on Tremaine Grant to Integrate Climate Change into OneThing Campaign – David Goldberg provided a status update on the GSC/C4 project to incorporate climate change into Governor Rell’s OneThing campaign. The Tremaine fund has provided \$75,000 for this project: 1) \$50,000 to create a OneThing multiplier for the web site that shows energy, climate, and dollar savings from OneThing actions, and 2) \$25,000 to integrate OneThing branding with climate change initiatives.
15. Other –
The first RGGI auction will be held in CT in September 2008. Half of the RGGI states will have auctions in September and the other half will start them in December.
Commissioner George requested that the next GSC agenda include an update on federal activities/legislative proposals on climate change.

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MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2008 Special Meeting

Meeting Participants

GSC Attendees/Designees: DEP Commissioner McCarthy, OPM Undersecretary Mengacci, CCEF Chairman Bowles, DAS Commissioner Sisco, Ned Hurlle (DOT).

C4 staff participants: Don Casella (DAS), David Goldberg (CCEF), Bob Wall (CCEF), John Ruckes (OPM), Steve DelPapa (DOT), Cindy Jacobs (DPUC), John Ruckes (OPM), Steve DelPapa (DOT), Lynn Stoddard (DEP), Tracy Babbidge (DEP), Pete Brunelli (DEP), Paula Gomez (DEP)

Public: Roger Smith (Clean Water Action), Julie Good (Clean Water Action), Paul King (US DOE)

Agenda and Notes

1) **HB 5600 "An Action Concerning CT Global Warming Solutions"**

(See handouts summarizing legislation and requirements for GSC)

Tracy Babbidge gave an overview of the legislation. The bill passed and is awaiting Governor Rell's signature. Highlights of the legislation: GHG limits are now mandatory, changes in reporting requirements (Title V CO2 reporting deleted), established adaptation subcommittee of GSC, addresses use of emissions allowances, directs DEP to monitor low C fuel standards, opens up use of clean car funds for climate related activities, addresses RGGI, requires development of strategies (with assistance from nonprofit organization) to report on next climate reduction strategies. Adaptation subcommittee will look at infrastructure, natural resources, ecological habitats, public health, and agriculture. GSC discussed the need to develop a roadmap to determine how to meet the new requirements and GHG limits.

2) **Matrix of actions from climate change public stakeholder process**

(See handouts on overarching concerns, stakeholder matrix, CT Climate Change Action Plan matrix of completed actions, active actions, and actions no longer worth pursuing)

C4 presented overview of overarching comments from stakeholders, summary matrix of stakeholder GHG reduction strategies, and tables showing status of all 55 actions in CT Climate Change Action Plan.

Matrix specific discussion:

- In general, the matrix ideas look good.
- Some matrix ideas are easier than others, but all should be discussed. Leave all of the ideas in for now.

- Many of the barriers are administrative, stuff on the books that doesn't make sense.
- These may manifest into legislative changes.
- Tell stakeholders that GSC is going to engage each of the agencies on the ideas they gave us. Include matrix in discussions with agencies (see Next Steps below). Each agency will determine how realistic, implementation, funding, timeframe, etc.
- The matrix should help agencies generate other ideas.

3) Next Steps

GSC further discussed how HB 5600 changes things dramatically with mandatory GHG limits. There is a need to convey the requirements and responsibilities to all agencies. Some points made in the GSC discussion:

- GSC needs a strategic planning process, action plan – strategize how to do GHG inventory, who will sit on adaptation subcommittee, what resources are necessary...
- Need a different structure in place to implement HB 5600 – can't rely on C4 to do all of this work, need higher level people in each agency who make decisions, look at how each agency operates, look at climate impacts of all of an agency's programs.
- Possibly convene a summit with agency heads and Governor to get buy in.
- The stakeholder input must be married with other actions.
- There are a lot of easy things to do right now that don't require a lot of funding.
- DAS has held one-on-one meetings with agencies to discuss fleet reduction initiatives. This could be a model for discussing climate initiatives with key agencies.
- Economic benefits of many GHG actions should be a driver for agencies to cope with budget deficits, fuel costs, etc.
- Use SEBAC process and unions to get state employees involved (parallel process to meetings with agency heads).
- Within the next 6 months OPM will have a data base in place that will track all of energy consumption at state agencies and track GHG emissions related to energy consumption. It was suggested that quasi-public agencies should be included in this energy tracking system.

GSC concluded by agreeing that DEP will draft a letter for the Governor's signature to all agency heads, setting a tone of importance, spelling out the new GHG limit requirements, and referencing what energy actions the Governor has asked agencies to take in the past (e.g., Executive Orders). Key agencies will be directed to meet with GSC and put together a team within each agency to address climate change. All of this will be tied into existing Executive Orders (e.g., reducing gas use, increasing energy efficiency at state facilities, decreased travel expenses).

- Prior to sending the letter, GSC/C4 will identify key agencies to meet with. Then GSC/C4 staff will meet with other agency staff prior to commissioners' meeting to share ideas from the stakeholder matrix, brainstorm issues/actions, and build understanding.
- The individual agency/GSC meetings will discuss mandatory GHG limits and requirements to reduce energy use, etc. The agencies must meet two major challenges: 1) identifying actions to reduce GHG from operations (i.e., what are we doing as a consumer of energy?), and 2) addressing climate implications of overall decisions and investment of state dollars (i.e., what are the decisions we make every day that impact this issue?). An example of the second challenge is DEP grants for municipal sewage treatment plants, which are large energy consumers. DEP writes the specifications for state funding of sewage treatment plants and will now start requiring energy efficient motors, etc., as part of grant requirements.

- Actions in the matrix of stakeholder ideas plus other GHG actions will be discussed during the meetings with agencies.

4) CT Climate Change Leadership Awards Ceremony

C4 briefed GSC on upcoming awards ceremony for May 27, 2008 at ING. Each commissioner will present an award(s). C4 will provide speaking points for commissioners soon. Plaques and letters from the Governor will be presented. CTN plans to film.



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Agenda and Notes

5) **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

6) **Approve Minutes**

March 6, 2008 minutes - approved

May 21, 2008 minutes - approved

7) **Engaging other agencies in climate action**

- a. Draft letter from Governor to key agencies – change wording to “challenging economic climate.”
- b. List of key agencies – There are a few key agencies that will be essential in creating structural changes to how the state does business: DAS, DOT, DPW. These agencies will need to rethink contracts with significant impact on climate. In addition, there are key agencies that are big users of energy (80% of state electricity load comes from 5 agencies): Departments of Corrections, Higher Education (i.e., UConn, state universities, UConn Health Center), Public Works. Engaging agencies can be a tiered approach; 1) start with key agencies that can create structural changes – meet with these commissioners one-on-one, 2) meet with agencies that are big energy users, perhaps as a group, 3) meet with agencies that currently require significant travel to clients, such as DCF, DMR. Other agencies to add: DOIT.
- c. Technical assistance needed – Creating significant change in the way state does business will require more than a meeting with key commissioners. Agencies do not see it as their

“business” to understand and rethink energy use, transportation, etc. They will need technical assistance. GSC discussed a number of ways that technical assistance could be provided: a technical assistance group, a best practices document (look at campus sustainability initiatives), advice on best practices and approaches from a steering committee made up of operations people with successful climate programs, hire people and embed them in key agencies to work within the system to create change.

- d. Coordination needed - There are many current initiatives that perhaps should be combined, such as DAS meeting with agencies to address fuel use, OPM meeting with agencies to address electricity use. Would be better to team up and address all of these issues comprehensively through one coordinated initiative. Start by working with DAS to coordinate meetings.
- e. Other strategies – Need to connect this to agency budgets in order to institutionalize the changes. Consider meeting with SEBAC and union to get them on board (changing the way we do business may lead to employee resistance) – maybe do this after structural changes and potential roadblocks have been identified. Need to look for outside funding and set a model for other states.
- f. Next steps
 - i. Develop tiered list for agency outreach.
 - ii. Develop list of key issues to accompany Governor’s letter.
 - iii. 1) Revise Governor’s letter and Commissioner McCarthy will talk with Governor. 2) Send Governor’s letter to key agencies (structural changes and big energy users) with a list of key issues to be used as a starting point for discussion (e.g., have you done an energy audit, do you have recycling program, does your agency provide incentives for public transit/carpooling). 3) C4 will meet with key agency staff people before the commissioners meet to provide an understanding of climate issues and develop an understanding of the agency. 4) Commissioners will meet.
 - iv. Coordinate with DAS on meetings with agencies to address fuel use.
 - v. Establish a best practices steering committee – get names of people from GSC members.
 - vi. Research best practices – green campus initiatives, etc.

8) Strategy for implementation of PA 08-98

- a. Adaptation subcommittee – This effort will involve people with expertise in natural resources, public health, etc. GSC does not want to stretch current resources (initiatives on GHG mitigation) too thin and agree that is it best to wait until RGGI rules have been adopted first RGGI auction has taken place before starting work on adaptation. This will allow for a continued current focus on successful adoption of RGGI and availability of RGGI funds to support climate/adaptation initiatives.
- b. DEP is doing additional analysis on the GHG quantities, environmental benefits, and costs of actions listed in the stakeholder matrix. The analysis also includes research on GHG strategies and corresponding metrics from other states.
- c. NY and MD are currently developing GHG inventories, models, and co-benefit analysis. DEP will continue to learn from and coordinate with other state climate processes.

9) Other

- a. Federal climate legislation – One promising approach is to focus on the MA vs EPA court decision that requires EPA to regulate carbon dioxide as a pollutant. Federal regulation of carbon will push climate programs towards a SIP like process. CT should look for funding to use PA 08-98 as an entrée to develop a statewide carbon SIP program.

Next GSC meeting is September 10, 2008



Connecticut Climate Change

Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change **MEETING MINUTES** September 10, 2008

Meeting Participants

GSC Attendees/Designees: DEP Commissioner McCarthy, DPUC Commissioner George, OPM Undersecretary Mengacci, Ned Hurle (DOT).
Other Participants: C4 staff and members of the public.

Agenda and Notes

1. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

2. **Approve Minutes**

June 11, 2008 minutes were approved.

3. **Implementation of PA 08-98**

- Development of a "Carbon SIP"
Mandatory GHG targets in PA 08-98 require an enforceable plan for achieving targets similar to Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan (SIP). This will require a suite of strategies. First step is to conduct GHG inventory with contractual support, then modeling to determine benefits and economic impacts of strategies. Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) is doing inventory and modeling work for other northeast states and would help link CT efforts with regional efforts. DEP is working to contract with NESCAUM to do CT inventory and modeling work. It will probably take 60 – 90 days to establish contract for work.
- Governor's Letter – Status of State Agency Lead by Example Climate Initiative
DEP met with OPM and DAS staff (separately) to discuss connection between their energy and vehicle reduction initiatives and GHG reduction initiative for state agencies. The "Lead By Example" initiative with state agencies should not involve a lot of paperwork, administration, and reporting. Instead should be a simple checklist of actions agencies can take to reduce GHGs. Provide agencies with the tools to do the work. Show the role of state agencies in overall reductions to meet GHG targets. The Climate

Registry might be a useful tool for state agencies. C4 should focus on the Lead By Example initiative and doing the outreach and training for state agencies.

- Stakeholder Process

GSC would like to hold a GSC/stakeholder meeting to wrap up the 2008-2009 stakeholder process and lay out steps going forward in light of mandatory GHG limits. Try to schedule for October.

In light of the mandatory GHG limits for CT, GSC will need to develop workgroups to help implement GHG reductions and will need GSC to participate in these workgroups. Need to transition from asking stakeholders what they think we should do to reduce GHGs to having the GSC propose specific GHG reduction strategies and get feedback from stakeholders on fine tuning and implementation.

- b. Low Carbon Fuels

CT (DEP) is participating in a regional low carbon fuel workgroup. The initiative is being lead by MA and NESCAUM is participating.

- c. Adaptation Subcommittee

A proposal was given for establishing the GSC Adaptation Subcommittee (see draft proposal for organizational structure). The structure would involve a Subcommittee with 4 working groups in the areas of state and local infrastructure, public health, natural resources, and agriculture. Commissioner McCarthy will contact GSC members to further discuss Subcommittee membership. The Adaptation Subcommittee should be a standing agenda item for future GSC meetings.

- 4. GSC meeting schedule for 2008-2009

The GSC should continue to meet quarterly, with the option of scheduling additional meetings if necessary.