

Climate Change Integration Group  
Oregon State Office Building  
Room 1D-70  
800 NE Oregon St  
Portland, OR 97232  
June 18, 2007  
9 AM – 12 PM

**Present at Meeting:**

**Integration Group**

Mark Abbott and Ned Dempsey, Co-Chairs  
Gail Achterman, Rex Burkholder, Jenny Holmes, Dr. Mel Kohn and Sarah Severn  
Via conference call: Bob Doppelt

**Ex Officio**

Via conference call: Peter Murchie

**Other Attendees**

Bill Drumheller, Roger Hamilton, Heidi Logosz, Eliot Vose and Jenifer Wetherbee  
Via conference call: Marianne Fitzgerald

Chair Abbott called the meeting to order. Bill Drumheller started the meeting with a legislative update. The Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) passed and the signing was on June 6. The Climate Change bill HB 3543 was approved and passed out of the House energy committee. The bill has been re-referred to the ways and means committee because of the large fiscal impact. The public hearing was last Friday. As of 9:20 AM today it still remains in ways and means. The Energy Tax Credit and Biofuels bills are still moving forward. Mr. Drumheller anticipates the full energy package will move. The Cap and Trade bill and Emissions Standard Performance bills died and will not be moving forward.

The Western Climate Initiative (WCI) had its second meeting and has increased in size. This is a very important initiative with sensitive issues. The group agreed to not give out information individually but only as a group. There should be a website active in 2-3 weeks. The web address will be [www.westernclimateinitiative.org](http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org). This website will be the ultimate venue for stakeholder process. The MOU calls for three things:

1. Setting a regional goal
2. Signing up for The Climate Registry
3. Establishing a market based mechanism to reach goal, which will be the focus of the group until August 2008.

Chair Abbott moved the meeting onto the final report to the Governor. He asked that draft reports be done by the end of July. The section leads gave brief updates on their work to date.

**Section 1: Mitigation/Allocation (Section Leads: Mike Burnett and Rex Burkholder)**

Peter Murchie spoke for Mike Burnett saying that they would be ready with their draft report by August. Rex Burkholder added that they had an in depth discussion regarding transportation and land use, particularly looking at what the mechanisms within are and recommendations to groups like ODOT and the Governors Office in terms of things they could be considering as ways to promote actions on climate change. For example: Directing ODOT staff to look at the transportation sector and how they can meet the targets set in the Governors last report. Mr. Burkholder stated that this is a very critical piece because all regional transportation plans and local transportation plans must be consistent and coordinate with Oregon's transportation plans.

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Mr. Drumheller stated that he wants to reengage the state agency liaisons. He hopes that they will provide an update on paper on their various aspects of the strategy. Mr. Drumheller will work with Mr. Burnett and Mr. Burkholder on that issue.

Section 2: Adaptation/Preparation (Section Leads: Lisa Adatto, Bob Doppelt and Roger Hamilton)

Mr. Doppelt announced that last week a conference was held just for journalists on climate change. This was a private session for them to get educated and bring them up to speed. There were 65 journalists from all across the country. The feedback has been very positive. They are hoping that as a result of this there will be better coverage of climate change. Those kinds of processes will continue. During the fall they are going to hold smaller localized conferences for the small and local media outlets with localized information about climate change.

Mr. Doppelt stated that last week they started the preparation/adaptation process with the first meeting of about 16 scientists to talk about preparing and adapting Oregon's biodiversity and ecosystems to climate change. This Friday June 22 they are having a meeting on the building environment with people representing the building industry, transportation, communication, water systems and energy systems. That will be followed up with a meeting on human systems, which includes health care, emergency response systems etc. Each of those groups will be producing a report. They already have an initial first draft of the natural systems meeting. Their goal is to finish those reports by the end of the summer or early fall and then integrate them into a single document. Mr. Doppelt added that he did not think they would have specific recommendations for state agencies by the end of the summer. They will have an overall framework for adaptation in the state.

Section 3: Education/Outreach (Section Leads: Sallie Schullinger-Krause and Roger Hamilton)

The education/outreach charge from the last interim report from the CCIG is to develop an education and communication strategy to build public will for mitigation and adaptation. There are four elements that they have identified that they will be including in the report. Those are:

1. Create materials for green house gas reduction for the general public
2. Statewide workshop of experts including: climate leadership initiative program and regional scenario forums
3. Develop a website as an information clearinghouse
4. Journalism Strategy; media conference, scale down to a regional level

Section 4: Research (Section Leads: Gail Achterman and Ned Dempsey)

Gail Achterman stated that their charge is to develop a research agenda. Ms. Achterman said that what needs to happen in this section of the report is:

- To describe what the needs are for research related to Oregon
- What is the capacity for doing that research
- What is it going to take to get it done

Ms. Achterman believes that this lays the foundation for the launch of the Climate Change Research Institute and the key to the whole thing is an assessment of the research capabilities. The Universities have already done on their own what could be called an inventory of researchers. Ms. Achterman stated that there are over 100 faculty among the three Universities with research directed at climate change ranging from fundamental, theoretical research to very applied research and it crosses a wide variety of natural sciences, physical sciences and social sciences. Ms. Achterman and Mr. Dempsey believe that what needs to be done is to tie together consumers of climate change research and the researchers to have the

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consumers of the research really help identify and prioritize the research needs from their stand point. They would like to have a workshop bringing businesses and public sectors together with all of the researchers to develop a more prioritized agenda.

Dr. Kohn stated that they need to research the effects of climate change on public health and has ideas for Ms. Achterman on who to contact for health issues. Dr. Kohn also announced that next week the State Epidemiologists from around the country are meeting and there will be some discussion around climate change.

Mr. Burkholder added that he would like to have some research done on demographics about what is going to happen in terms of population shifts as climate changes in various parts of the country.

Mr. Drumheller asked that if anyone has analysis, drafting or anything else for staff to do to please let them know as soon as possible.

Mr. Drumheller gave the group an update on the CCIG Workshop. He stated that initially the workshop was budgeted at \$35,000. The reality is there is only \$5,000-\$6,000 and Mr. Drumheller is not optimistic about being able to get more than that. Mr. Doppelt stated that they would have a better idea of whether or not to have the workshop and what to do with the money after the first drafts of the report are back and suggested postponing the discussion until then. Chair Abbott added that the group will know a lot more when the legislature decides what to do with the research institute and the commission.

Chair Abbott opened the meeting up for public comment. Sam Sadler stated he was disappointed that the State has joined the National Climate Registry. Mr. Drumheller replied that this was done mostly to support other states such as Florida and Ohio to get them moving.

The draft reports are due by September 1. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for after the legislative session on September 17 in Salem to start at 9 AM. There is a possibility that it will be an all day meeting. Chair Abbott adjourned the meeting.