

Some Notes from the CCIG Meeting, 23 February, 2007

1. Workshop planning

There are three primary objectives for the workshop: update the scientific consensus on climate change in the Pacific Northwest, broaden the science to include socioeconomic aspects, and to begin a dialog between the science community and those charged with developing policies and processes that will be impacted by climate change. In essence, we wish to understand the hurdles that must be overcome in order to make decisions differently to both prepare for and to mitigate climate change.

In parallel with workshop planning, we will coordinate hearings before the Oregon Legislature as various pieces of climate-related legislation move forward. Sallie Schullinger-Krause, Gail Achterman, Bob Doppelt, and Christine Ervin will help lead these efforts.

The broader science workshop will begin with a few (3-4) keynote talks that will build on the science consensus statement from 2004, but will develop these into richer, more detailed scenarios. For example, rather than simply say snowpack is expected to decrease, a scenario might be developed that pursues the linkages between snowpack and availability of irrigation water in summer, impacts on juvenile salmon, more highway washouts in winter, etc. We might consider using the keynotes to weave a few such scenarios, particularly on the socioeconomic and human impacts. The keynotes would be followed by breakout groups that would pursue these scenarios and how we can improve our planning and decision-making in the context of both preparation for climate change and mitigation. For example, are present policies acting as obstacles? Are new incentives needed? A key aspect of the breakout groups is that they would examine sector impacts of the scenarios, rather than take sectors separately and assess the impacts of climate change on each sector. Particular attention needs to be given to the coastal ocean/natural resource sector, the land use planning/transportation sector, the built environment, and emergency management.

We agreed that this would be a one-day activity. There might be some opportunities to obtain private funding to cover workshop costs (e.g., Pew Climate Center).

2. Final Report (due December 2007)

We are going to organize the report around four sections:

- 1) Carbon allocation and mitigation strategies
- 2) Adaptation/preparation strategies
- 3) Education and outreach
- 4) Climate change research agenda

These four sections cover seven of the eight bullets in our interim report from January 2007. The eighth bullet is the workshop described above. Specifically, the bullets from the interim report would be covered as follows:

Section 1 (allocation/mitigation) – Michael/Christine

- Evaluate and propose economic development strategies for expanding the local production and sales of low-carbon goods and services.
- Develop and implement a measurement and monitoring system for the *Oregon Strategy for Greenhouse Gas Reductions*.
- Evaluate the *Oregon Strategy for Greenhouse Gas Reductions* and propose additional measures for reducing greenhouse gasses necessary to achieve the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals (towards the latter half of 2007).

Section 2 (adaptation/preparation) – Bob/Lisa

- Develop specific recommendations for climate change adaptation strategies, processes, and policies for government agencies, private industry, and the general public.

Section 3 (education) – Sallie/Roger

- Develop an education and communication strategy on climate change in Oregon to build public will to make the necessary changes to mitigate climate change and adapt to its effects. Create material to support the *Oregon Strategy for Greenhouse Gas Reductions* suitable for broad-based dissemination and targeted audiences.
- Create a state web site on climate change in Oregon that will be a clearinghouse of climate change information and also link to resources and other web sites.

Section 4 (research) – Gail/Ned

- Develop suggestions for a research agenda on climate change for the Oregon University System and, to a lesser degree, for state agencies and the private sector.

Members were assigned to act as “section leads” for the report and are listed above. Their responsibilities include development of an outline, identifying where additional expertise is needed, and develop a schedule to produce the section. For example, it was noted that with the disbanding of the Carbon Allocation Task Force, there is no one with expertise from the energy utility industry. Also, we may need someone representing county governments. Rather than add more members to the CCIG, the section leads will identify such gaps and suggest persons who could help with specific sections.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 16 in Salem. The section leads will present outlines and a tentative schedule and process for completing their section.