

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

November 3, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

WebEx from Room 105

Rachel Carson State Office Building

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Attended in Person: Chairperson Steve Krug, Vice-Chairperson Mark Hammond, Paul Opiyo, Sarah Nicholas, Joe Sherrick, George Ellis, Patrick Henderson, Gary Merritt, Rob Altenberg (alternate for Christina Simeone)

Attended via WebEx: Luke Brubaker, Mike Winek, Steve Winberg, Rob Graff

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES ABSENT:

Rep. Greg Vitali, Rep. Ryan Bizzaro, Terry Bossert, J. Scott Roberts, Jim Warner

PROXY VOTING:

None

PA DEP AND COMMONWEALTH AGENCY STAFF:

Mark Brojakowski (DEP), Frank Purtell (DEP), John Krueger (DEP), Jessica Shirley (DEP), David Althoff (DEP), Kerry Campbell (DEP), Patrick McDonnell (DEP) Jonathan Arthur (DEP), Andrew Blum (PennDOT) and Emma Lowe (PennDOT)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

None

WEBEX MEETING:

The November 3, 2015, WebEx meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson Krug. Roll call was taken and with 4 members on line and 9 members present in person at the start of the meeting, a quorum was established.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the August 18, 2015, Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) meeting were presented to the committee for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Winberg and seconded. The motion carried by voice vote with 2 abstentions (Mr. Krug and Mr. Ellis).

MEETING SUMMARY: (This narrative provides a summary of the discussions that took place during the meeting. It is not a transcript of the proceedings.)

Mr. Krueger was introduced to the CCAC. As the new Assistant Air Quality Bureau Director, Mr. Krueger fills the role of the recently retired Dean Van Orden. Mr. Krueger will serve as the Department's Liaison to the CCAC.

DEP Policy Director, Patrick McDonnell, provided an update along with a PowerPoint presentation on the Clean Power Plan (CCP). He noted that the public comment period on Pennsylvania's Path to

compliance with the Clean Power Plan Rule will expire on November 12, 2015, and that the CPP listening sessions would wrap up in Lycoming County on November 4, 2015. The ability to submit comments through the DEP's new eComment system was noted.

2015 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN (Update):

Prior to the November 3rd meeting the CCAC members received a draft copy of the Update to review and compile their comments to the document for discussion at the meeting. A few members submitted written comments to the DEP prior to the meeting but for the most part the majority presented their comments during the meeting. The committee favorably discussed the written comments that had been previously distributed as well as various topics relating to the Update. Specific comments included increased specificity in the CCAC's role in preparation of the various components of the Update as well as clarification that the CCS economic analysis included in the Work Plans was added after the CCAC's approval of the Work Plans.

Ms. Shirley solicited the committee for help and suggestions with the formation of an executive summary of the Update. No formal action(s) (motions) were taken by the committee for the acceptance or incorporation of the comments into the Update. The DEP will review the comments presented by the CCAC and edit the draft Update to incorporate their comments.

The DEP plans to revise the draft Update, including incorporation of CCAC comments as appropriate, and publish the availability of the draft Update in the PA Bulletin prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Publication will begin a public comment period, and delivery of the 2015 Climate Change Action Plan to the Governor and Legislature is tentatively scheduled for February 2016. Mr. McDonnell noted the CCAC member "Minority Report Comments" should be submitted as part of the final CCAC review period and would be included in the Update.

MACROECONOMIC ANALYSIS PRESENTATION:

Mr. Scott Williamson of the Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) gave an overview and PowerPoint presentation on the development of the macroeconomic analysis of the 2015 Update work plans. Mr. Williamson took questions from the committee, which involved the criteria of the scope of work for the next evaluation and questions on the inputs and assumptions used to develop the Act 129 of 2008 Phases IV & V and the Urban & Community Forestry work plans. In addition a question of whether or not the work plans were altered in any way to perform the analysis was brought to the floor. It was also suggested that the macroeconomic analysis of the work plans be performed prior to the CCAC voting on the acceptance of the work plans for inclusion in the next round of the action plan.

GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Krug brought to the floor a few suggestions for the 2016 cycle of CCAC meetings. He suggested that the CCAC conduct a strategic planning meeting early on in the 2016 schedule and utilize the third-party moderator provided for in the Act to facilitate the process for the 2018 Action Plan development.

The CCAC accepted DEP's recommendation to cancel the December meeting. The next CCAC meeting will be held on January 12, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S):

None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ellis and seconded. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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