

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEBEX MEETING MINUTES**

July 15, 2010

10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

RCSOB, Conference Room 15 A

The meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Sarah Hetznecker, Chair.

**The following members participated through WebEx:**

Robert Bear, Laureen Boles, David Cannon, Fred Harnack, Sarah Hetznecker (Chair), Paul Opiyo, Paul Roth.

**The following members were present:**

George Ellis, Ron Ramsey, Representative Greg Vitali, Wayne Williams.

**The following members were absent:**

Peter Alyanakian, Terry Bossert, Richard Allan, Dan Desmond, Representative Camille “Bud” George, Jan Jarrett, Albert Magnotta, John Quigley (Vice Chair), Ed Yankovich.

**The following alternates were present:**

Mark Hammond (alternate for Albert Magnotta).

**Proxy Designations:**

George Ellis for Richard Allan.

**PA Department of Environmental Protection staff and guests present or participating through WebEx were:**

Dr. William Martin (Facilitator), Joe Sherrick (DEP), Kim Hoover (DEP), Andrew Place (DEP), Jessie Stockwell (DEP), Robert Barkanic (PPL Energy Plus), Dylan Jenkins (TNC), Stephanie C. Wissman (PA Chamber), Alisa Harris Daniels (Exelon).

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Members and guests present and participating by conference call introduced themselves. During the meeting, the presentations were viewed by those present and online through WebEx. Additional meeting materials are four meeting summaries from first Adaptation working group meetings for Infrastructure; Natural Resources; Public Health and Safety; and Tourism and Outdoor Recreation. All meeting materials are posted to the CCAC Web site and are available to the public.

**UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP STATUS:**

- George Ellis has been re-appointed by House Minority caucus. Letters have been sent by Secretary Hanger to the legislative caucuses requesting appointments for five committee member vacancies. In addition, there are three committee member vacancies from the Governor’s office.

## FINAL

- Sarah Hetznecker asked that nominations for Chair and Vice Chair to be sent to Ms. Hoover by email prior to the next meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Voting for Chair and Vice Chair is expected as an action item at the next meeting because Ms. Hetznecker and Mr. Quigley are not able to serve beyond the two-year terms.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Wayne Williams made a motion to approve the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. George Ellis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION PLAN:**

- Mr. Ellis said some work plans require further discussion. There should not be implementation until discussion takes place.
- Ms. Hetznecker offered suggestions for the subcommittees to meet again for discussion of this topic or a new committee is formed. The purpose is to set some priorities.
- Mr. Ellis agrees with forming a new committee and thinks there could be one representative from each prior subcommittee.

**Action Item:** Ms. Hetznecker made a motion to form an Implementation Prioritization Subcommittee. Mr. Ellis amended the motion to add with the understanding that there is representation from each of the previously formulated subcommittees. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by committee vote.

- Mr. Williams stated the subcommittee can consider all work plans.
- Ms. Hoover said the meeting material “Implementation of Action Plan: Considerations for Prioritization” lists examples of low-hanging fruit that does not need legislation or regulation. Mechanisms are outreach, incentives and markets.
- Ron Ramsey said the discussion should include new actions to reduce GHG emissions that have occurred since the Action Plan.
- Mr. Sherrick said an email will be sent to committee that clarifies the motion, solicits membership and suggests dates/times to meet.

### **FOREST MANAGEMENT OFFSETS**

- Paul Roth, committee member, DCNR Bureau of Forestry. (*Note: presentation is posted to the CCAC Web site as a meeting material.*)

### **FOREST CONSERVATION: “WORKING WOODLANDS” PROGRAM**

- Dylan Jenkins, The Nature Conservancy, Pennsylvania Chapter. (*Note: presentation is posted to the CCAC Web site as a meeting material.*)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE INITIATIVE**

- Mr. Sherrick discussed the Declaration of Intent signed on June 15 by every state from Maine to Maryland which focuses on reducing transportation-related GHGs. This is a broader initiative than Low Carbon Fuel Standard.

**FEDERAL UPDATE**

- Ms. Hoover discussed the EPA Transport Rule to limit interstate transport of SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. The proposal would replace 2005 Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR). Following publication of the proposed rule in the Federal Register *on August 2\**, EPA will take public comments for 60 days. *\*Updated*  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opei/RuleGate.nsf/byRIN/2060-AP50>

**ANALYSIS OF BIOMASS SUSTAINABILITY STUDY FROM MASSACHUSETTS**

- Dr. Tom Richard, Penn State University. (*Note: presentation is posted to the CCAC Web site as a meeting material.*)

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Williams made a motion for the meeting to adjourn at 12:32 P.M. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.