

Draft Vermont Climate Council Subcommittee Roles Guidance 2026

Subcommittee Roles and Responsibilities

Just Transitions Subcommittee

- Responsibilities:
 - Monitor developments of climate action public engagement
- Guidance: Stay informed about public engagement activities and provide input where necessary through Subcommittee meetings.

Science and Data Subcommittee

- Responsibilities:
 - Review and provide feedback on the annual greenhouse gas emissions inventory.
 - Plan for future modeling needs to support the next Climate Action Plan (CAP).
 - Establish a schedule for meetings leading up to 2028-2029 CAP development.
- Guidance: Ensure timely completion of modeling work to inform future CAP development through Subcommittee meetings.

Cross-Sector Mitigation Subcommittee

- Responsibilities:
 - Stay informed of relevant legislative developments and initiatives from the Climate Action Office.
- Guidance: Engage with Climate Council meetings and/or stay up to date on Subcommittee Chair communications to stay informed and ready for future tasks.

Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittee

- Responsibilities:
 - Stay informed of relevant legislative developments and initiatives from the Climate Action Office.
- Guidance: Engage with Climate Council meetings and/or stay up to date on Subcommittee Chair communications to stay informed and ready for future tasks.

Agriculture and Ecosystems Subcommittee

- Responsibilities:
 - Stay informed of relevant legislative developments and initiatives from the Climate Action Office.
- Guidance: Engage with Climate Council meetings and/or stay up to date on Subcommittee Chair communications to stay informed and ready for future tasks.

Meeting Frequency and Engagement

- General Recommendation:
 - Just Transitions & Science and Data Subcommittees should aim to meet as needed or twice a year in an off planning year.
 - All other subcommittees may elect to attend Climate Council meetings to stay informed on relevant climate action activities.
- Communication: Regular updates and communication from Co-Chairs to subcommittee members to keep them engaged and informed.
- Please note when attending Climate Council meetings, if you are not a member of that official body you do not qualify for the \$50 per diem and instead qualify for the \$6.50 hourly rate.