

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council October 1, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

Date/Time: October 1, 2021 10:00 AM
Location: Meeting was hosted virtually on Zoom with a physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier. Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#).
Subcommittee Members Present: Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Alissa White, John Roberts, Charlie Hancock, Iris Hsiang, Jake Claro, Judy Dow, David Mears, Lauren Oates, Kiah Morris?
State Staff Members Present: Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Judson Peck, Pat Field (CBI)

- 10:00 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [9/24/21 Minutes](#)
- Agenda and minutes were approved
- 10:05 AM Report out from 9/28/2021 VCC Meeting
- Comments from VCC shared on Ag&Eco Actions presented last Tuesday
 - Change to consensus determination – if no consensus previously VCC would decide, now vote by subcommittee and VCC members (all equal vote)
 - Record of disagreement will be noted
 - Role of subcommittee is to advise VCC
- 10:20 AM CAP Drafting Details, Prioritization Process/Timeline and Introduction to Equity Screen Process. – Jane Lazorchak and Kiah Morris
- Timeline and drafting roles shared for writing the CAP
 - Nov 2nd due date for final submission of pathways, strategies, actions including prioritization and equity screening
 - Nov 9th present to VCC on the above
 - Weekly meeting on cross-cutting themes, e.g. landuse, Lauren Oates representing Ag&Eco
 - Two sections in CAP: Pathways for Sequestration and Storing Carbon and Adaptation and Building Resilience in Natural and Working Lands – lead authors from Ag&Eco chosen
 - Agriculture Mitigation in separate section; also separate from other Non-Energy
 - Low priority actions will be listed in matrix in Appendix of CAP
 - Prioritization Framework shared
 - All pathways and strategies included in CAP, only high level actions presented in CAP, medium for review by Ag&Eco for elevating, medium and lower actions will be included in Appendix
 - Pull out individual/personal actions to separate section of CAP

- Equity assistance from Kiah Morris will include both in actions and in process
- Send comments on prioritization categories to Jane and Marian by end of today

11:25 AM Public Comment #1

- Jennifer Ramstetter – CAP outline interest
- Matt Voss – include more education in pathways

11:30 AM Matrix of Pathways, Strategies and Actions – Current Status, Discussion of Outstanding Issues and Process/Timeline to Finalize

- Pathways assigned to task leads for refinement to ready matrix for prioritization
- Matrix refinement to be completed by end of next week and then shared with SC so that it can be approved by SC next Friday
- Include equity consideration in revising pathways
- S&D misrepresented inventory concerns raised by Ag&Eco – represented as not wanting to meet proportionate reductions rather than accuracy and equity

12:00 PM Public Comment #2

- Jennifer Ramstetter – concerns over inaccuracies of inventory
- Cheryl Joy Lipton – continue this work without pause

12:05 PM Meeting Adjourned

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