

**Biomass Task Group**  
**October 12, 2022**  
**Minutes**

8:30 AM Introductions, [9/28 Meeting Minutes Approval](#), Agenda Review

- Minutes were approved

8:35 AM Brief Comments from Drafting Committee on the [Draft Recs & Findings](#)

- Task Group members Judy Dow, Richard Hopkins, Charlie Hancock, and Chase Whiting made up the drafting group that drafted the initial draft recommendations and findings discussed at this meeting.
- The version online includes comments from task group members who did not participate in the drafting group.
- Task Group members noted the findings section of the draft recommendations & finding will need to be revised and updated.

8:45 AM Discussion of Key Issues for Clarity, Shared Understanding, and Identification of Differences on the Opening Section and Recommendations

- Task Group members discussed the IPCC Carbon Accounting for biomass and the time scale vs spatial scale of accounting for emissions and sequestration from the use of biomass. The group discussed stand, landscape, and “payback” and debated how to acknowledge the complexities of capturing the discussion in the draft recommendations & findings sections.
- Recommendation that in order to get something to the Climate Council for their meeting next week, to take the findings section of the Recommendations and acknowledge the complexity of the topic without getting into too much detail for the Council.
- Request to have the experts who presented to the task group review a final version of the Recommendations and Findings once finalized.
- Task Group members reviewed some of the questions and comments made in the draft recommendations & findings document.

9:45 AM Public Questions

- Laura Haight provide comment.
- Cheryl Joy Lipton provided comment.

9:55 AM Poll TG on the Recommendations

- Task Group members noted concerns with polling on the recommendations the task group has been working on.
- Request to ask the Climate Council how the work of the task group will be used.
- Task group worked on adjusting the wording of the 7 recommendations included in the draft recommendations and findings document.

10:00 AM Report out to the VCC 10/17/22

- Task Group members agreed that the report to the Climate Council on 10/17 would include a brief verbal update that the task group is not ready to bring recommendations to the Council yet. Members agreed to also ask the Council what the intent is to do with the recommendations once finalized.

10:25 AM Next Steps

- Next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup>.

10:30 AM Adjourn

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