

Cross-Sector Mitigation Subcommittee Meeting
October 28, 2021 Meeting – Minutes

Date/Time: October 28, 2021 / 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Location: Meeting was recorded and [posted publicly](#)
Members Present: Johanna Miller, Liz Miller, Christine Donovan, Ed McNamara, Bram Kleppner, Gina Campoli, Jared Duval and Christine Donovan
State Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, ANR; Collin Smythe, DEC
Consultants: Catherine Morris, CBI; David Hill & G. Stebbins, EFG

11:00 AM **Welcome / Review of Agenda** (Catherine Morris, CBI)

11:03 **Minutes for Oct. 21, 2021** were approved.

11:04 **VCC November 2 meeting Agenda** (Jane Lazorchak)

Jane reviewed the portion of the upcoming Council meeting agenda dedicated to the CSM SC recommendations. She explained that a survey will be sent to Council members in advance to get their feedback on topics they would like to focus on during the meeting. Results of the survey will be shared with TLs by Tues. morning in advance of the Council meeting.

11:11 **Pathway and Sector Analysis** (David Hill, EFG)

David Hill gave an overview of the Pathway Analysis and Sector Analysis Economic Results and Sensitivities. He emphasized that this is not a predictive model, but rather informs the type and level of policies and actions needed to meet the GWSA requirements.

- Several members asked that 2018 be used as the starting point for the analyses; EFG agreed to change from 2020 to 2018.

Transportation Sector Discussion

TLs and other subcommittee members suggested:

- EFG adjust the model to have the current vehicle standards extend out to 2035 (rather than 2033) when the Clean Car II starts
- Be clear that TCI and the associated initiatives are not likely to be enough
- Need to note that in some cases the model **does** achieve the projections, like the clean heat standard
- Make the full EFG presentation available to the Council as background.

Buildings Sector Discussion

TLs and other subcommittee members suggested

- EFG could summarize the findings by emphasizing 1) VT can reach the requirements with existing technology that is cost-effective and 2) the infrastructure is available for the transition.
- Align wording in presentation with the CAP, e.g., don't call out phase out fossil fuel water heating and cooking.

12:10 PM **Public Comments**

Public comments included differing opinions about the role of biofuels their GHG

emissions and the commercial availability of cellulosic biofuels.

12:15 **Equity Screening (Kiah Morris)**

- Kiah informed the members that they will have an opportunity to complete an evaluation of the equity screening process
- A member asked for further guidance on the level of detail preferred in the scoring rubric chart. Kiah suggested that her report might be a place to document more of the detail
- Members discussed how the work of the equity evaluation will be continued when the CAP is handed off for the next stage of program and policy development. CSM SC could only go so far based on the data available and the stage of design we reached..
- The write up should emphasize the importance at each level of the process to continue the equity screen.
- Kiah's section and JT's write up will be a place to describe where we are; and the Subcommittees can provide input on how to ensure equity in the implementation.
- We should expect that the data will be there in the future through better tracking. Another member noted even if all the data is not available, they can start working on the framework to evaluate equity and the CSM SC can come back to the legislature with continued screening up through the effective dates.
- Another member said that the CSM SC needs to be sure that the voices that speak to the legislature are broader than what the subcommittee has had access to.

12:50 **Electricity Sector Economic Analysis & Discussion**

TLs and Subcommittee members noted:

- Overbuilding generation is a choice that could be offset by storage or load management. David Hill clarified that the model shows VT can get there, not that overbuilding is the way.
- Export of power is a valid assumption since the power can be used in New England.
- EV charging management will help utilities avoid transmission build out.

Cross-cutting Findings Discussion

- A member suggested that EFG add in the social cost of carbon to demonstrate its impact on net costs.

1:20 **Review of Sectoral Drafts (Subgroup TLs)**

Each Sector Task Lead reviewed changes to their recommendations (there were none) and feedback they would like on the framing of their CAP sections.

1:40 **Review of Priority Action List for the Council Survey**

TLs provided input on the list of recommendations that will be used to get the Council members' feedback on topics for discussion at the next meeting.

1:55 **Public Comment**

- A member of the public asked who is intended to do the further research suggested in electricity section. TLs clarified that it is expected the PUC would conduct that research.
- It was recommended that the recommendation regarding review of siting, including environmental considerations, also include review of the regulatory process.
- Another member of the public expressed gratitude for the work of the Subcommittee.

2:00 PM **Adjourn**