

Science and Data Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

3:00 PM December 15, 2021

Meeting Notes

Location: Agency of Natural Resources, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602
in National Life Catamount Room; meeting was recorded and posted online [here](#).

S&D Subcommittee Members Present: TJ Poor, Jared Duval, Secretary Julie Moore, Richard Hopkins, Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, Lou Cecere.

State Agency Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, ANR; Marian Wolz, ANR; Claire McIlvennie, PSD; Megan O'Toole, VT DEC; Collin Smythe

Consultants: Liz Hanson, Cadmus; Dan Mellinger, EFG

Others: George Gross, Zack Porter, Steve Crowley

3:00 Welcome/ Agenda Overview (S&D Co-Chair(s))

TJ Poor opened the meeting of the Subcommittee by recognizing that this is the first time that the sub-committee has met since the CAP was adopted on December 1 and congratulated everyone on this milestone. Jared added his thanks. TJ then proceeded with an overview of the agenda. Jared mentioned that longer meetings will be scheduled for this group in the new year. One correction to the minutes was made, a spelling error, and they were accepted by the sub-committee with that change.

3:10 Monitoring and Assessment Framework – Liz Hanson, Cadmus

Liz walked through the proposed phases and tasks associated with this project. See meeting materials for a presentation given by Liz that details the specific tasks. Liz also proposed that check ins and guidance from the sub-committee will be helpful, as well as the creation of a data governance team. The proposal and the scope of the tasks were discussed by the sub-committee. Jane has a draft scope of work that will be circulated to the sub-committee for review. Substantive comments on the proposal are due December 23rd, any other comments due the Friday after the New Years holiday.

3:40 – Update on the Request for Information related to a Life cycle analysis – Megan O'Toole, DEC

DEC is working on a draft of this RFI, as included in the CAP, with the aim of releasing it in early 2022. A draft of the RFI will be reviewed by a smaller team, and then a version of the draft will be shared with the sub-committee at their next meeting in January.

3:50 – Subcommittee composition

Member Lou Cecere is now working for PSD; TJ offered that members should be thinking about adding another member to the subcommittee.

3:55 – Public Comment

George Gross – Question about the RFI process and ANR’s obligation under 10 VSA §582 regarding life cycle accounting. Megan responded that the §582 requirement is not currently part of the RFI.

Zack Porter– Question about the relationship between the CEP and the CAP related to biomass electricity generation. Will the CAP be completed before the CEP so that it informs what goes into the CEP? Not clear (TJ had to leave the meeting early), but timelines are likely to dictate that the CEP be finalized first.

Steve Crowley– Comment regarding sub-committee composition and the subject of equity.

4:00 Adjourn

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