

Science and Data Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council
10-12 AM September 17, 2021 – Agenda

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- 10:00 Welcome/ Agenda Overview (*S&D Co-Chair(s)*)
- [Sept 1 minutes](#) approval
- 10:05 Carbon Budget Update (*Jared Duval*)
- 10:15 Update on Public Engagement Efforts (*Jane Lazorchak*)
- 10:25 Full Council Request: Definitional Clarity (*TJ Poor, Jane Lazorchak*)
- At Tuesday’s meeting, the Council requested that S&D review definitions for Technical Feasibility and Cost-Effectiveness.
 - For Reference, excerpt from a draft of minutes is below the direct agenda
- 11:00 Discussion of Monitoring and Assessment Task (*Cadmus, TJ Poor*)
- Presentation from Cadmus on what is in their scope of work
 - Proposal to get further feedback from Science & Data and other Subcommittees
 - Committee Discussion on what other tasks are needed for Initial Climate Action Plan or beyond
- 11:30 Update on Climate Impact drafting (*Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux*)
- 11:45 Public Comment
- 11:55 Next Steps/Adjourn

For Reference: Notes from Discussion of Full Council on Definitional Clarity; Request to S&D to assist

- Technical feasibility
 - Probably should keep this focused on what is technically feasible, however, let Science and Data sub-committee work on this more, and look at IPCC definition.
 - GWSA has language that ties feasibility and cost effectiveness together. Do a scrub of the statute.
 - Science and data should consider whether we’re really trying to have a yes/no, and if so, we need to narrow this. Or we have a high, medium, low approach.

- Cost-effectiveness
 - Include what it saves as well as what it costs. We externalize so many costs, and defer so many costs to future generations. We've got to own the full cost of the status quo
 - Define holistically – not just to consumer, but to the state, including program implementation, rate payers etc., future generations etc.
 - Should speak to the changing playing field that will happen over the coming years.

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