

Biomass Task Group
31 March 2022
4th Meeting – Minutes

3:30 PM Welcome/Review and Approval of Minutes from [3/3](#) and [3/14](#) Meetings

Minutes were approved with no edits.

3:35 PM Introductions of New Members and Discussion of Long-term Membership

Richard Hopkins from Science and Data will now be a regular member of the task group. Additionally, Commissioner Walke will be leaving his job at the end of April and will therefor step down from the task group. Cross Sector Mitigation Subcommittee will nominate someone to take his place.

3:40 PM Review of Subcommittee Discussions on Biomass

- Agriculture and Ecosystems Subcommittee

This subcommittee focused on discussion related to carrying forward tabled actions and the need to further explore the equity implications of equity. To further the conversation around the life-cycle implications, the Subcommittee nominated Judy Dow and Ryan Patch to serve on that task group.

- Cross Sector Mitigation Subcommittee

Conversation focused on the need for technical analyses to support the recommendations being developed in this task group. Consensus around the need to table conversations where the life-cycle analysis would benefit the understanding and therefore the outcome.

- Science and Data Subcommittee

Nominated Richard Hopkins to task group.

4:00 PM Review Proposed Scope Based on CAP Recommendations and work covered by other Task Groups

Action: Review revised scope as framed out in proposal and reach agreement on final scope.

The task group reviewed the tabled actions as organized by within scope, covered by life-cycle analysis task group, and settled via the Climate Action Plan's recommendation to adopt the Clean Heat Standard which includes wood heat as a clean heat measure. The task group reached agreement on the tabled actions to

continue to explore as a group. Jane agreed to reframe the tabled actions in an active voice and circulate to the task group for comment ahead of the next task group meeting where the scope would be adopted.

4:40 PM Plan for next meeting

- Work Planning
- Discuss Criteria for Invited Speakers
- Set ongoing meeting time

Jane will email the task group to settle on a regular meeting time and cadence. For the immediate future, the group will meet bi-weekly. Jane will reach out to Thomas Buchholz to invite him to speak at the next meeting.

4:50 PM Public Comment

Four public comments were made and can be viewed in the recording.

5:00 PM Adjourn