

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council 10:00 AM April 9, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

Date/Time: April 9, 2021 10:00 AM
Location: Microsoft Teams: Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#)
Subcommittee Members Present: Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Ryan Patch, Sophia Clark, Alissa White, Jake Claro, John Roberts, David Mears, Judy Dow, Lauren Oates, Charlie Hancock
State Staff Members Present: Jane Lazorchak, Bob Popp, Alex DiPillis, Ali Kosiba, Marli Rupe, Judson Peck

- 10:00 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [4/2/21 Minutes](#)
- Agenda was approved, 4/2 Minutes to be reviewed at 4/16 meeting
- 10:05 AM Finalize Draft Technical Assistance Request for Proposals (TA RFP)
- An update on the process and status of the TA RFP was shared by Jane Lazorchak. Edits have focused on framing rather than intent. Sections 4 & 5 in original version have been combined.
 - Subcommittee reviewed and discussed the ‘carbon budget’ component of the TA RFP. Additional feedback due to Jane by Monday 4/12.
- 10:30 AM Review and Finalize Draft Prioritization Framework
- Progress was shared by Lauren Oates, David Mears and Alissa White. Recent changes have focused on methodology to capture qualitative and quantitative value of co-benefits from projects. Discussion ensued.
 - Draft Framework will be shared and feedback on included criteria due to Lauren by COB Wednesday 4/14. Discussion on criteria planned for 4/16 meeting and on ranking weights for 4/23 meeting.
- 10:50 AM Inventory of Existing Programs Update
- Annotated Bibliography of materials being compiled by Marli Rupe.
 - Comprehensive inventory of assistance programs to be compiled by VCC.
 - Next steps for providing contributions to these inventories will be shared.
- 11:05 AM Update from Task Coordinators
- Task groups still getting organized - no substantive progress to report.
 - Task group membership has been solidified, including state staff support
- 11:12 AM Set Assignments and Agenda for 4/16/21 meeting
- 11:20 AM Public Comment
- Public comments were received by Jennifer Ramstetter, Zac Porter, and Graham Unangst-Rufenacht and their comments may be viewed in the video recording.

- Public portal is now available for submitting written public comment. Resources and materials to contribute to Subcommittee work can also be shared via this portal.

11:35 AM Technical Updates

- Sophia Clark has stepped down and will be replaced on both VCC and Agriculture and Ecosystems Subcommittee by Iris Hsiang.
- Future meetings will be held in Zoom and scheduled by Jane Lazorchak.

11:40 AM Meeting adjourned

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