

Science and Data Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council Meeting Wednesday June 9, 2021 Meeting – Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 9, 2021; 1:30 - 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom: Meeting [recorded and posted publicly](#)
Subcommittee Members Present: TJ Poor; Lou Cecere; Jared Duval; Jay Shafer; Richard Hopkins; Brian Gray; Julie Moore

State Agency Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak; Bennet Leon; Claire McIlvennie; Megan O’Toole; Ken Jones; Collin Smythe; Brian Woods

Additional attendees: Taylor Binnington (SEI); Dr. Bindu Panikkar (UVM); David Hill (Cadmus); Catherine Morris; Dr. Lesley-Anne Dupigny-Giroux; Gabrielle Stebbins; Joyce Manchester; George Gross; Liz Bourguet; Mark Whitworth; Mei B

1:30 Welcome/Agenda Approval

TJ Poor reviewed the agenda. No comments were made.

1:34 Approval of [5-26-2021 Minutes](#)

After correcting a commenter’s name, minutes were approved without objection.

1:35 Miscellaneous Council Updates

Jane Lazorchak provided an update that ANR contracted with the Cadmus Group for technical analysis work. A kickoff meeting will be held on Monday with the project team. First priorities will be GHG inventory work and defining a methodology for the carbon budget.

Jane introduced Dr. Panikkar who was in attendance to consider joining the Science and Data Subcommittee.

Jared Duval provided an update on feedback received on the Science and Data Subcommittee draft work plan.

TJ pointed out that the Just Transitions Subcommittee scope specifically mentions working with the Science and Data Subcommittee to identify data needs relative to equity.

2:02 Subcommittee Discussion: Technical Consultant Coordination, Detailed Work Plan path

The subcommittee discussed the draft Science and Data Workplan Summer 2021 and members of the committee volunteered for, or identified task leads for each topic/task. (See attached spreadsheet).

TJ suggested task groups consider their tasks and be prepared for discussion at the next meeting in two weeks.

2:51 LEAP Modeling Business-As-Usual Reference Case

Taylor Binnington, of Stockholm Environment Institute, presented GHG emissions mitigation modeling business-as-usual reference case developed utilizing the LEAP model. For different sectors, Taylor discussed some of the data inputs and assumptions that were included in the model that projects GHG emissions to 2050 based on existing policies and programs, as well as how modeled emissions compared to the State of Vermont GHG emissions inventory for 2015-2017. [See attached slides.](#)

4:03 Public Comment

George Gross made comments and those comments can be viewed in the [video recording posted online.](#)

4:10 The meeting was adjourned.

Attachments:

[SD Workplan Summer 2021 v1.1 06.12.2021.xlsx](#)

[SEI reference case slides 6-9-2021.pdf](#)

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