

**Science and Data Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council Meeting
2:00 PM August 18, 2021 Meeting – Minutes**

Date/Time:	Wednesday, August 18, 2021; 1:30 – 4:00pm
Location:	Zoom: Meeting recorded and posted publicly
Subcommittee Members Present:	Richard Hopkins, Jay Shafer, TJ Poor, Jared Duval, Lou Cecere, Julie Moore (late attendee), Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux
State Agency Staff Present:	Bennet Leon, Collin Smythe, Brian Woods, Claire McIlvennie, Andrea Wright, Marian Wolz
Consultants Present:	David Hill, Liz Bourguet
Others:	Joyce Manchester, George Goss, Mei Butler – EAN, David Westman – Eff VT, Steve Crowley

- 2:00 Welcome/ Agenda Overview (S&D Co-Chair(s))
- Agenda modifications based on availability of members. No objections. Modifications approved.
 - [August 11 minutes](#) approval. No objections. Approved.
- 2:03 Social Cost of Carbon
- Overview of report comments, revisions to draft report (David Hill, EFG) David provided a summary of methods used as well as comments and edits related to CCR Model Review, SCC and Discount Rate including specific recommendations, Integration with LEAP Modeling and CAP, and SDSC Decisions Points.
 - Task Group Recommendation
TJ shared and reviewed the draft letter to VCC Recommendations Regarding Social Cost of Carbon. Further discussion about resources needed to follow the recommendations in the existing contracts as well as the NY report in regard to recommendation of SCC reduction regarding CO₂e/CO₂ and related to time frames and methods for N₂O and CH₄. A change to the footnote related to this topic was implemented.
- 3:04 Public Comment on the above topic was provided. TJ asked for member support to forward the letter as revised to VCC.
- 3:17 Greenhouse Gas Inventory Review (GHG Task Group)
- Overview of Task Group Recommendation
Jared shared and reviewed the draft letter to VCC Recommendations Regarding GHG Inventory. The letter include recommendations related to the existing inventory as well as the recommendations to Develop an RFI and RFP regarding upstream and/or lifecycle accounting of emissions related to energy use in

Vermont and the inclusion of additional resources required based on the outcomes of the RFI/RFP.

- Discussion

Further discussion from Sec Moore ensued in relation to the next steps (RFI/RFP) recommendation and resources needs. She is supportive of the RFI but feels the RFP may need to be put on hold due to existing resources and multiple and significant demands that are likely to come and we need to be able to consider the full breadth and depth of impact before moving too far beyond the RFP.

Considering this and public comment there was further discussion about if the recommendation should be more to recommend the VCC seek funding for leg for the RFP or if the RFP would provide the basis for the VCC to request a defined amount of funding to move forward. Greater detail as to what changes might be incorporated to be favorable to the members.

- Recommendation to full Council

Since there was consensus on the first page of the letter to VCC that will be presented Monday; however the recommendations re: RFI/RFP will be tabled and discussed at the Sept 14 VCC meeting after it is revised for subcommittee member review and public input.

3:35 Public comment on the above topic was provided and discussion ensued to consider it.

4:21 Meeting Adjourned and the following agenda items were not addressed.