

Oregon Global Warming Commission

World Trade Center II

Mezzanine 2, 3 and 4

121 SW Salmon St.

Portland, Oregon

November 18, 2008

9 AM – 4:00 PM

NOTE: An audio recording of this meeting is available on the web site and is the official record of this meeting.

Present at Meeting:

Commission

Angus Duncan, Chair and Jim Rue, Vice-Chair

Peggy Fowler, Katy Coba, Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, Bishop David Brauer-Riekie, Phil Ward, Andrea Durbin, Jill Eiland, Russ Hoeflich, Gregg Kantor, Eric Lemelson, Matt Garrett, Dick Pedersen, Mel Kohn

Commission Members Alternates

Andrew Yost from the Oregon Department of Forestry, Diana Enright from the Oregon Department of Energy, John Savage from the Oregon Public Utility Commission, Annette Price from the Port of Portland,

Other Attendees

Stephanie Page, Bill Drumheller, David Van't Hof, Kathy Shinn, Linda Ross, Michael Riley, Sara O'Brien, Tom O'Connor, Jim Redden, Kate McCutchen, Jean Fike, Scott Stewart, Dick Harmon, Sam Sadler, Eric Mortenson, Frank Holmes, Brian Doherty, Fergus McLean, Martin Doern, Suzanne Veaudry-Casaus, Margi Utzay, Paul Koprowski, Sara Vickerman, Diane Henkels, Peter Hartey, John Audley, Todd Wynn, Betsy Bergstein, Lisa Logie, Sybil Ackerman, Susan Anderson, Wendy Simons, Gail Hammer, Ken Bergstein, David Breen, Bill Edmunds, Peter Murchie, Erin Fair,

I – Introductions of Agenda and Attendees

II – Administrative Items

- 1) Approved as written
- 2) Resolution 004 – approved as written; - later comment and agreement that testimony will be shared with OGWC as soon as practical following testimony, rather than having to wait until the next meeting – in advance if possible; Angus –to the extent practical testimony will be submitted in-advance or as soon as practical thereafter; “we will let the minutes reflect that understanding”
- 3) OGWC Principles – Item L - revised - “Oregonians will strive to take responsibility for emissions from their purchasing decision and waste disposal choices.” – adopted with revision

III – Action Items

- 1) Resolution 006 - adopted
- 2) Page 19 - Request to co-sponsor Climate Leadership Initiative – no cost of co-sponsoring; only sponsorship in lending OGWC name to event. - approved

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- 3) Resolution from Natural Resources Committee addressing adaptation issues resolution 2008-5-007; 4 subcommittees of Natural Resource subcommittee worked to develop resolution; reviewed 7 recommendations; general discussion - adopted

IV – Informational Items

- 1) Prioritization – page 23 - #1 delete ‘aggressively’; omit the numbers; - adopted
- 2) Jim Rue – Outreach Committee - Referred to matrix handed-out at meeting; looking for funding – unsuccessful to-date; focus on inexpensive or free opportunities; not a decision document – looking for input
- 3) Update on WCI – David Van’t Hof – continuing to move forward and put together the pieces; next meeting in December; likely that action at the federal level will not be seen until 2010; Governor proposed legislation will available prior to session – public process to raise awareness about how a cap n trade program, as part of a regional program, would work and get input and authorize EQC to develop rulemaking around implementation Oregon’s participation in the cap and trade program and then come back to the 2011 session with an enacted rule which would go into effective unless repealed by the legislature. Pick-up where special session left off in terms of reporting of outside sources of power and fuel. Complimentary proposal – emission performance standard; emissions threshold for new sources and expanded authority for the EQC in terms of greenhouse gas reductions. Governor’s budget may include funding for OGWC. Will need to work out the details of how the OGWC will interact with the ‘blue ribbon’ committee collecting input on cap and trade – strive to avoid duplication of effort.
- 4) *Preparing Oregon’s Fish, Wildlife, and Habitats for Future Climate Change: A Guide for State Adaptation Efforts* adaptation report (handed out at meeting) – Sara Vickerman - subcommittee on Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Adaptation – look at adaptive management; policy issues – one being The Oregon Conservation Strategy – just implementing the strategy would be a good step but also update that strategy; OGWC feedback - good report

V – Discussion Items

- 1) Draft resolution on WCI design recommendations (handed out at meeting) from EUSS committee; review/discussion only – very complex issue – many layers; Angus – looked at consequences of implementing WCI – primarily near term costs; general review and feedback on document; review of “Outstanding Questions” – not an exhaustive list of issues but a list of salient issues identified to-date; need identified for State agencies to have staff dedicated to working on climate change
- 2) Commission Work Plan for 2009 – assume that WCI will be part of OGWC ongoing work/discussion; general discussion of items OGWC will be working on in 2009

VI – Public Comment

Fergus Mclean – Climate Change/Peak Oil Coalition from Eugene – could be a descent for the economic system from which it may take significant time to recover; encouraged OGWC to not delay action; stated that WCI does not go far enough; need to both cut emissions and sequester carbon; made case for a carbon tax as it will not be dependent on a functioning economy

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Public Comment continued -

Todd Wynn - Cascade Policy Institute; had done a study on the economic impact of the WCI proposal and is available at their website.

Bill Curley (? – distorted on recording; not listed on sign-in sheet) - Concerned citizen – born and raised in Oregon – doesn't believe CO2 is driving climate change; referred to himself as a “denier” – stated that the OGWC is a waste of money

Next meetings

Tentatively plan to meet every other month in Salem through the 2009 Legislative session.