A summary of the fourth meeting of the ODF Forest Carbon Stakeholders Working Group - Monday March 3, 2008 in Portland, OR.

***Present**: Jay Morey – ODF, Jim Cathcart – ODF, Cameron Smith – Oregon Governor's Office, Mike Schnee – Michael Schnee Consulting (Facilitator / Mediator), Craig Partridge – WA DNR, Chris Jarmer – OFIC, Adrian Miller – WFPA, Mike Gaudern – OSWA, Scott Zimmerman – GRN Inc, Ralph Saperstein – Conkling Fiskum & McCormick, Matt Donegan – Forest Capital Partners, Keith Balter – Forest Capital Partners, Brian Kernohan – Forest Capital Partners, Wade Mosby – The Collins Company, Eric Schooler – The Collins Company, W. Ray Jones – Roseburg Forest Products, Jake Gibbs – Lone Rock Timber Company, John Audley – The Nature Conservancy, Bettina Von Hagen – Ecotrust, Brent Davies – Ecotrust, Kevin Raymond – Pacific Forest Trust, Sara Vickerman – Defenders of Wildlife, Gina Larocco – Defenders of Wildlife, Hal Salwasser – OSU, and John Nickerson – CCAR Consultant*
***Via Conference Call**: Greg Miller – Weyerhaeuser and Chris West – AFRC*

Educational Presentation by John Nickerson from the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR):

- John presented some background information on the original CCAR protocols and the current work underway to revise these protocols in order to encourage more participation in the program.
- Some identified issues the CCAR revision workgroup is considering are:
    1. The current requirements of conservation easements in perpetuity linked to land use and not projects have not drawn in many participants due to the uncertainty of carbon trading markets.
    2. The high upfront costs of getting into a carbon credits trading program have caused many landowners not to participate, current work is focusing on ways to relieve some of the cost burdens a landowners incur while maintaining a high level of verification and accountability.
    3. Defining geographic extents for stands related to co-benefits.
    4. Risk of reversal (i.e. fire), CCAR protocols don't currently address this, currently addressed between the purchaser and seller at the request of the purchaser.

General Discussion:

- Mike Schnee discussed the Inner Circle / Outer Circle concept of group membership. Mike will collect input via phone or e-mail directly to him until Friday March 7th. Group members were asked to carefully evaluate the workload and time commitments they feel they can contribute to the group should this process be implemented.
- Mike explained his 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 method of group polling for decision making.
- Some group members asked Cameron Smith to keep the group informed of what the governor is thinking on the issues to avoid any surprises down the road. In addition Cameron was asked to see if the governor has any definitions of success or targets 3-5 years down the road for participation in a carbon credit cap and trade system.
- The WA working group process has begun, one meeting has been held so far. This working group is taking on the tasks of WCI input as well as some specific discussion related to legislation and possible programs to be implemented at the Washington State level. Integration at this point with the WA group will be several representatives coming to our meetings as has been happening already and some of our group members trying to attend the WA meetings. It was felt by the folks who had been at the WA meeting their group could come up with a general letter (similar to the OR group) to the WCI Offsets Sub-committee by the third week of March or so, prior to the WCI Offsets meeting on March 26th and 27th

Discussion of the second draft synthesis paper put together by the sub-committee:

- Special thanks to Adrian Miller from WFPA who was the primary author of the second draft paper everyone should have received on Friday 2-29-08.

- The group was able to work through the first section identifying topics of importance to be put into the letter to the WCI Offsets Sub-committee.
- The process of going through the paper has been very time consuming. While we only worked through Section I, we will continue to work paragraph by paragraph through the paper at the next meeting on Monday March 10th since the general feeling was we had to spend as much time as possible working through the paper and the issues rather than rushing through the paper discussion and not getting a product everyone can find some agreement on.

Next Steps:

- Respond to Mike Schnee's questions and proposals for the inner circle and outer circle concept of group organization by this *Friday March 7th.*
- Generate a draft letter to the WCI Offsets Sub-committee to submit as soon as possible that outlines what the group is working on, where some agreement has been reached, and issues we are still working on. Mike Schnee will be drafting up a paragraph or two to start this process which will be sent out to the group this week so members can collect thoughts for discussion at the meeting next Monday March 10th.
- Continue working through the second draft of the synthesis paper identifying the issues we can come to some agreement on and the more difficult issues which will require more time and discussion.
- Due to the chairs, tables, lighting, bathroom facilities, etc. at the current meeting location we will work on moving the meetings to space more comfortable and accommodating. *As show below, we have secured space for the meeting on March 10th.* We haven't yet secured space for future scheduled meetings; those logistical details will be sorted out soon.

Next Meeting:

- We will briefly sort out whether or not the inner circle/ outer circle group concept will be implemented due to input group members submit to Mike Schnee by this Friday March 7th.
- Discussion on the general letter we will be drafting to the WCI Offsets Sub-committee.
- Continue working through the second draft of the synthesis paper identifying agreement and where we will have to focus more time and effort on reaching agreement.

When: Monday March 10, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm *(There will be no brown bag educational presentation prior to the meeting)*

Where: Portland – Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center (2nd Floor the Billy Frank Jr. Conference Center) at 721 NW 9th Ave Portland, OR 97209 ***See the Ecotrust link for maps and directions.***

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Future Meetings Scheduled:

When:

- Monday March 24, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm with a brown bag educational presentation (Mark Harmon and Olga Krankina from OSU) from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
- Mondays April 7th, 21st, and May 5, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm with a brown bag educational presentation (topics and speakers TBD) from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Where: Portland – Location TBD

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