Climate Initiatives Task Force

ALL-HANDS JOINT TASK FORCE, SECTOR COMMITTEE, AND ADVISORY GROUP FEBRUARY MEETING
I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Welcome and Opening Remarks—Harry Vorhoff, Office of the Governor

IV. Approval of Minutes

V. Princeton University Net-Zero America Project—Eric D. Lawson, Princeton University


VII. Defining and Framing Climate Equity for Louisiana—Colette Pichon Battle, Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy, and Ashleigh Gardere, PolicyLink


IX. Action Development Process—Lindsay Cooper, Office of the Governor, and Colleen McHugh, The Water Institute of the Gulf
Sector Committee Membership

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- Joey Breaux, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (Co-chair)
- Karen Gautreaux, The Nature Conservancy (Co-chair)
- Naveen Adusumilli, LSU AgCenter
- Kyla Cheynet, Drax
- David Daigle, Farmer, Cattleman, and Forester
- Ernest Girouard, State Soil and Waste Conservation District Commission
- Gregory Grandy, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
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- Justin Kozak, Center for Planning Excellence
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- John Pitre, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (Non-voting member)
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- **Jasmine Brown**, Greater New Orleans, Inc.
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- **Jeff Schwartz**, City of New Orleans
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- Erin Spears, New Orleans City Council

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STRUCTURED DECISION MAKING NEXT STEPS:
IDENTIFYING ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCE ANALYSIS

CHARLES SUTCLIFFE & SOUPY DALYANDER
1. Define the Problem & Decision Context
2. Determine the Objectives
3. Identify Alternatives
4. Forecast Consequences
5. Evaluate the Trade-Offs
6. Make the Decision & Take Action

STRUCTURED DECISION MAKING
Identifying Alternatives at Multiple Scales

Achieving our greenhouse gas reduction targets in a way that best considers our other fundamental objectives will require both **high-level vision** and **practical action**.

In this planning process, collectively we will be working simultaneously at both scales.
Identifying Alternatives at Multiple Scales
A Portfolio is a comprehensive set of strategies and actions towards achieving the GHG reduction targets and other fundamental objectives.
Identifying Alternatives: Strategies

A **Strategy** is high-level path to reduce GHG emissions.

**Example:** “Increase percentage of power that comes from renewable sources”
Identifying Alternatives: Actions

An **Action** is based around a **specific policy, program, or project** that can be directly implemented.

Actions will be developed using the **Action Proposal Template**.

**Example:** A Utility-Scale Clean or Renewable Energy Standard
Benefits of Strategy + Action Development

1. Actions can be developed while also keeping sight of long-term vision for Louisiana

2. Enables short-term progress and long-term flexibility
   • Available actions can be used to move forward with implementation immediately
   • Actions can be updated or replaced as new options become available or cost-effective

3. Supports accountability and effectiveness
   • Actions can be assessed based on success in practice
   • Strategies can be assessed based on outcomes and advancing long-term vision
As we jump ahead to steps 4 and 5 in the SDM process, consequences and tradeoffs will be evaluated at the Portfolio level.

We will do **two rounds** of trade-off analyses.
Initial: Strategy Portfolios

- Vision of transition to GHG-neutral society and economy
- Alternate strategy portfolios evaluated based on impacts to Fundamental Objectives
- Portfolios are **hypothetical** and designed to structure evaluation of consequences
• Alternate action portfolios evaluated based on impacts to Fundamental Objectives and other considerations (e.g., feasibility)

• Impact of portfolios on emissions pathways considered in tradeoff analysis, including uncertainty in assumptions
Using the Fundamental Objectives to Analyze Consequences

- Reducing net greenhouse gas emissions
- Improving quality of life for residents and communities
- Creating a more equitable society
- Managing for short- and long-term success
- Strengthening the economy and workforce
- Conserving natural resources and protecting the environment
- Adapting to a changing climate
Consequence Analysis

**GHG Emissions Reductions Objectives:** consequences of portfolios on net GHG emissions evaluated through pathway modeling

- *Emissions Pathway* is an evidence-based emissions trajectory to achieve 2050 emissions neutrality and interim targets.
- Louisiana’s proposed action and strategy portfolios will be evaluated against the pathways

**Societal, Economic & Other Objectives:** consequences of portfolios on net GHG emissions evaluated through structured input from the Advisory Groups on positive and negative impacts
Preferred Portfolio Development

Round 1: High-Level Strategies

Round 2: Strategies and Detailed Actions
Roles & Responsibilities
Sector Committees are primarily charged with developing the details of actions and how they support strategies.
A primary charge of **Advisory Groups** is to forecast the impact of strategies and hypothetical portfolios on the fundamental objectives.
The Planning Team will facilitate the development of initial hypothetical strategy portfolios, drawing from input from the Sector Committees and existing research and best practices.
The Planning Team will coordinate the emissions modeling effort to forecast the consequences of strategies and portfolios towards achieving GHG reduction goals, with expert elicitation from the Advisory Groups.
The Planning Team will also conduct the trade-off analyses, framing decisions for the Task Force.
The Task Force will review and guide this process at each step and make final decisions about what to recommend in the final report.
Process and Timeline
Process for Action Development

Now - April 30: Action Proposals Open

Anyone can use the Action Proposal Template to submit an action or idea for consideration during this open call.
Process for Action Development

Please come prepared with initial action ideas. Goal by the end of the meeting is to identify a list of potential actions and assign committee members to draft.
Process for Action Development

The Planning Team will work with the sector chairs to identify draft actions and/or themes that would benefit from collaboration with members of other committees and advisory groups. These will be working sessions to refine action proposals with additional cross-disciplinary feedback.
### Process for Action Development

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- **Mid-March**
  - Sector Committee Meetings
  - Strategies & Actions Brainstorm

- **Mid-April**
  - All-Hands Meetings
  - Cross-Sector Review Workshops

Review sector Action Proposals, including those submitted by the public. Identify any additional gaps, and associate Actions with Strategies.

- **Mid-May**
  - Sector Committee Meetings
  - Review Sector Action Proposals
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Review comments on consequences and tradeoffs and discuss revisions to sector Actions.
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**Now - March:**

**Initial Identification of Strategies & Strategy Portfolios**

*The Planning Team will facilitate development of initial strategies and hypothetical strategy portfolios, drawing on input from the Sector Committees and existing research and best practices.*
Process for Strategy Portfolio Evaluation

Now - March:
Initial Identification of Strategies & Strategy Portfolios

Late March
Advisory Group Meetings
Input on Strategies & Strategy Portfolios

We will present strategies and hypothetical strategy portfolios to the AGs to elicit input on strategy portfolio impacts to the Fundamental Objectives. We will share a follow up survey with AG members where they can provide both “scores” and narrative responses.
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**Now - March:**

**Initial Identification of Strategies & Strategy Portfolios**

- Late March
  - Advisory Group Meetings
  - Input on Strategies & Strategy Portfolios

- Late May
  - Task Force Meeting
  - **Review Consequence Results from AG Input**

*The Task Force will review and discuss the input from the Advisory Groups on strategies and strategy portfolios to inform preferred portfolio development.*
### Process for Strategy Portfolio Evaluation

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The Planning Team will synthesize input from the AGs and develop a draft preferred strategy portfolio. Concurrent emissions pathway modeling during this period.
The Task Force will provide input and feedback on the draft preferred strategy portfolio.
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ACTION DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
What is an Action?

An Action is based around a **specific policy, program, or project** that will result in a net reduction in Greenhouse Gas emissions and/or comprehensively address a cross-cutting implementation priority (Climate Equity, Economic Transition, Scientific Advancement, Governance).

Action proposals submitted through this process will be reviewed and considered and may be modified or combined with other Action recommendations. Actions will be collectively evaluated against the Fundamental Objectives of the Climate Initiatives Task Force and included in a trade-off analysis to inform decisions by the Climate Task Force on the best path forward for achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.
Who will develop Action proposals?

1. **Sector Committees:** focused effort on developing proposed actions within their sectors over the next three months.

2. **Anyone and everyone** who would like may submit an action or idea for consideration
   - Task Force members
   - Advisory Group members
   - Governor's Office
   - Stage Agencies
   - Local Organizations
   - General Public
Process for Action Development

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COASTAL ACTIVITIES
Action Proposal Template

- All proposed actions will use a common template.
  - PDF Fillable Form (preferred for Sector Committees)
  - Online Google Form (may provide greater ease for ideas submitted by general public)
- 26 questions organized in four sections:
  - Proposed Action Overview
  - Impacts of Proposed Action
  - Feasibility of Proposed Action
  - Implementation Pathway
- Answer as many questions as completely as you are able to. Need not fill out every section.
How to Submit an Action Proposal

- Action Templates will be available to download from the Climate Initiatives Task Force homepage. There will also be a link to the Google Form. [https://gov.louisiana.gov/page/climate-initiatives-task-force](https://gov.louisiana.gov/page/climate-initiatives-task-force)

- Submit completed action proposals to [climate@la.gov](mailto:climate@la.gov) by April 30, 2021. You may also mail a physical copy to the Governor’s Office of Coastal Activities, 1051 N 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.
Information to Support Action Development

- Louisiana Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
  - See December 21, 2020 Climate Task Force meeting video (starting at hour 2) on the CITF YouTube page for presentation from Dr. David Dismukes at LSU Center for Energy Studies for overview of Emissions Inventory and Analysis.
  - Dr. Dismukes will be updating the state’s inventory with 2020 data.

- National decarbonization pathway research

- Best practices from other states and communities

- Recommendations from Equity Advisory Group on Equitable Approaches

- Grounding in Louisiana political, social, economic, and environmental contexts
How to Direct Research Questions

• You may have additional questions—technical, subject-matter, existing resources or examples—that arise as you are developing actions.

• Please direct questions to Lindsay Cooper, Lindsay.Cooper@LA.GOV AND Colleen McHugh, cmchugh@thewaterinstitute.org.
  - Where possible, channel questions through Sector Committee Chairs

• The Planning Team will triage research questions to best support action development:
  - Prioritizing what we need more clarity on now versus down the road
  - What may be answered through other aspects of the planning process
  - What may be a good topic for the April Cross-Sector Review Workshops
  - Where appropriate, support desktop research, share existing resources, and/or reach out to local/national experts or Advisory Group members
Next Steps and Homework
Next Meeting:
2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Weeks of March

Sector Strategies and Actions Brainstorm

- Goal by the end of this meeting will be to identify a list of potential sector actions and assign committee members to draft proposed actions using the Action Template.

Homework:
Please review fully the Action Proposal Template and come prepared with initial action ideas.
Advisory Groups

Next Meeting:
End of March

Input on Strategies and Strategy Portfolios
• A survey will be shared with Advisory Group members following the meeting for them to provide scores and narrative responses on how the hypothetical portfolios impact fundamental objectives.

Homework:
• Consider potential cross-cutting actions
• Begin identifying what outcome indicators and benchmarks could/should be for each of the fundamental objectives
  - What resources might be available to inform predicting the outcomes of those indicators and benchmarks within the planning timeframe?
Task Force

Next Meeting:
End of May*

Review Consequence Results from Advisory Group Input and Approve Fundamental Objectives

* Note: this is an additional Task Force meeting we are recommending adding to the calendar.

Homework:

• Engage your networks in the Climate Initiatives Task Force process and how they can be involved in Action development.

• Consider economy-wide actions.
Questions?