

Sustainable Development Strategy Team
Notes from Conference Call of Team Co-Chairs and Workgroup Leads
April 13, 2005

Here is a summary of the items we discussed at the conference call on April 13, and the do-outs.

There has been some discussion with the Executive Committee about guidance on estimating costs in the Strategy Team reports (costs for recommended actions). Even though this guidance is still a work-in-progress, I agreed to distribute what was available.

I described the recent workshop on Sustainable Water Resources Research, conducted in Ann Arbor on April 5-6. My notes on the workshop were provided with the earlier email and will be posted on the SD web site. I agreed to write a short piece on research needs and indicators related to SD that could be a starting point for these topics in the SD report.

The work groups reported out:

Recreation/Tourism/Fishery

- work group was restarting writing, and would have product ready by next Monday
- issue of personal transportation highlighted as needing more research
- how to market SD report which will highlight potential for sustainable growth

Transportation

- holding face-to-face meeting in Ann Arbor this afternoon
- 75-80% report in hand and will be ready by early next week

Industrial Activity

- writing of outline should be ready by Friday

Agriculture/Forestry

- contractor has worked with work group to develop paper that answers questions 1 and 2
- need to hold call of work group to discuss recommendations
- report for next week may not have coordinated recommendations

Land Use/Development (not present)

- input from earlier call with Victoria Pebbles indicates the still need to work on recommendations, but should be ready next week

Water Infrastructure

- need to get contract support to pull together information
- contactor working on related task for Coastal Health Team (threats to water supply)

Based on the workgroup reports, it looks like we will have draft reports ready for four workgroups, a partial report for Ag-Forestry, and a placeholder for Water Infrastructure.

We discussed the draft outline for the Executive Summary of the SD Report, which will be the 4-5 page contribution to the Strategy main report. It was suggested that the summary follow a budget format to emphasize the need for balance in decisions. Work group leads were asked to

provide any input on this outline or ideas of formats that might be considered to me by next Wednesday (20 Apr).

The plans for the meeting in Traverse City were discussed. The draft agenda for the SD Team meeting was provided as well as a description of support tasks of the contractor for this meeting. Comments on the agenda should be sent to me by next Wednesday. I agreed to develop a short paper with potential criteria for prioritizing SD recommendations.

There will be no conference call before the Traverse City meeting on April 28-29. We will discuss the date and time for our next call at that meeting.

Summary of do-outs:

- distribute draft Exec Committee guidance on costs (Miller)
- draft pieces on research and indicators for SD report (Miller)
- provide comments on outline for Exec Summary to Miller by Apr 20 (all)
- provide comments on agenda for Traverse City meeting by April 20 (all)
- draft potential criteria for prioritizing SD recommendations (Miller)

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