T-AGG Project meeting with Agricultural GHG Mitigation Protocol Developers November 24, 2009

Meeting Objectives

(1) Inform advisory board and invited protocol developers about T-AGG project goals and process

(2) "Download" information from those involved in protocol development. We will ask each group that has protocols or are developing them to present to the group on the following issues. What type of review of science technology has been done and what has been learned?   What other issues arose during methodology development or for approved active methodologies during implementation? Are there areas where further science, technology, or data review or synthesis could be helpful? What gaps exist?

(3) Receive feedback on the T-AGG process, e.g., on our criteria for prioritization and next steps.

Draft Agenda

9:00-9:30   Introduction & Welcome by T-AGG, including a summary of the T-AGG project goals and ideas

9:30-11:00   Existing protocols -- Presentations by Protocol Developers (time depends on number of protocols)

Dennis Strayer, consultant working with Novecta
Ag Soil Offset Standard

Karen Haugen-Kozyra, Climate Change Central
Canada's experience in developing agricultural protocols

Nathan Clark, Chicago Climate Exchange
Tillage, pasture, grassland- Protocols in use and under development

11:00-11:05   Quick Break

11:05-12:00   Protocols under development -- Presentations by Protocol Developers
Steven Apfelbaum, Applied Ecological Services
Comprehensive agricultural management

12:00-1:00   Lunch – Informal discussion while eating
Topic: Review T-AGG agricultural coverage

1:00 – 2:15   Protocols under development -- Presentations by Protocol Developers
Dawn Browne, Ducks Unlimited
Avoided grassland conversion protocol, under development

Eric Holst, Environmental Defense Fund
Emerging accounting methodologies for CA agriculture: Rice, rangelands, grapes and beyond

Neil Bird, Joanneum Research; and Timm Tennigkeit, Unique Forestry; both consultants with World Bank
Sustainable Agricultural Land Management (SALM) in western Kenya, methodology now at VCS for approval

2:15-2:30   Break

2:30-3:30   Group Discussion of T-AGG
- How to make outcome most valuable to protocol development?
- What areas should T-AGG review to provide support and further assessment? And what are the most important gaps for T-AGG to fill?
- Given the need to move some practices forward quickly, which are the best candidate practices for fast-tracking and detailed development?
- Revisit relevant questions from the day's discussion: Scientific questions, Measurement and Data, Co-effects and uncertainty, Technical issues, and/or Policy issues
- Revisit T-AGG activities covered, and criteria for prioritization and organizational approach if needed

3:30-3:45   Closing statements – End of general meeting

3:45-5:30   T-AGG Advisory Meeting – Closed meeting.

[T-AGG Advisory Board, Science Advisory Committee, and Coordinating Team]

Questions for each protocol developer (to address in presentation)
(1)   What review and synthesis of information has been included in the process?
(2)   What barriers have been encountered?
(3)   What are the goals of protocol? What is the spatial focus (region, etc.) and who are the target land managers?
(4)   Are there key scientific questions that seem to impede progress?
(5)   If protocol has been completed, what is the current status, how is it being used, and what lessons have been learned?

Attendees (*indicates presenter)

(1) *Lydia Olander, Nicholas Institute, Duke University – confirmed, at Duke

(2) Brian Murray, Nicholas Institute, Duke University – confirmed, at Duke

(3) Rob Jackson, Duke University – confirmed, at Duke

(4) Chuck Rice, Kansas State University – confirmed, at Duke

(5) Peter McCornick, Nicholas Institute, Duke University – confirmed, at Duke

(6) Alison Eagle, Nicholas Institute, Duke University – confirmed, at Duke

(7) *Steven Apfelbaum, Applied Ecological Services – confirmed, at Duke

(8) *Eric Holst, Environmental Defense Fund (advisory board) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(9) *Karen Haugen-Kozyra, Climate Change Central (advisory board) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(10) Ernie Shea, 25 X '25 (advisory board) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(11) Pradip Das, Monsanto Co. (advisory board) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(12) Bill Irving, USEPA (advisory board) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(13) Rama Chandra Reddy, World Bank (alternate for Elly Baroudy, advisory board) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(14) Keith Paustian, Colorado State University (advisory board and science advisory committee) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(15) Ron Follett, USDA-ARS (science advisory committee) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(16) Phil Robertson, Mich. State Univ. (science advisory committee) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(17) Cesar Izaurralde, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (science advisory committee) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(18) *Nathan Clark, Chicago Carbon Exchange – confirmed, Adobe connect

(19) *Dawn Browne, Ducks Unlimited – confirmed, Adobe connect

(20) *Neil Bird, Joanneum Research (and World Bank Consultant) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(21) *Timm Tennigkeit, Unique Forestry (and World Bank Consultant) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(22) *Dennis Strayer, consultant with Novecta – confirmed, Adobe connect

(23) Naomi Swickard, Voluntary Carbon Standard Association – confirmed, Adobe connect

(24) Derik Broekhoff, Climate Action Reserve – confirmed, Adobe connect

(25) Kathryn Bickel Goldman, Climate Action Reserve – confirmed, Adobe connect

(26) Johannes Woelcke, World Bank – confirmed, Adobe connect

(27) Giuliana Zanchi, Joanneum Research (and World Bank Consultant) – confirmed, Adobe connect

(28) Melissa Weitz, USEPA – confirmed, Adobe connect

(29) Kimberly Klunich, USEPA – confirmed, Adobe connect

(30) Ben Parkhurst, MEM student, Nicholas School, Duke University – confirmed, at Duke (pm only)

Invitees

(1) Mark Nechodom, USDA

(2) William Hohenstein, USDA –schedule conflicts