

**Solar Workgroup meeting**  
**for Solar Development in Southwest Virginia**

**November 15, 2016 -- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Inn at Wise, 110 E Main St, Wise, VA 24293

**Agenda**

- 8:45 Registration and refreshments
- 9:00 **Welcome, Agenda review, and Introductions**
- 9:15 **Overview of the Solar Workgroup**
- Purpose of the group
  - Overview and background of the Solar Workgroup formation
  - Recap of Oct. 4 scoping meeting top next steps and ideas
  - Initial solar possibilities in SWVA
  - Questions and discussion
- 9:50 **Community Solar presentation**
- Questions and discussion to follow
- 10:20 Break
- 10:30 **Solar Workgroup Focus Areas and break out sessions as Action Groups/ committees**
- Brief overview of Action Groups and Solar Workgroup timeline
  - Discussion and signups for possible for Solar Workgroup Action Groups/ Committees
    1. VA Solar policies and legislation
      - a. Elected official / power company engagement (separate process?)
    2. Solar / workforce training possibilities
      - a. Especially community colleges and academic institutions
      - b. Other strategies to maximize local benefits
    3. Potential solar site/ project identification and next steps
      - a. Solarize effort
      - b. Commercial scale sites
    4. Community education and outreach
    5. Others?
  - Small group break out groups by topic to (40 min.):
    - Identify chair/ co-chair for Action Groups
    - Determine priorities for next steps
    - Next Action Group communication
      - Who will communicate with group next?

- Share top next steps for each Action Group in a large group (*5 min. - 1 min. each group*)

**11:35      Next steps and follow up**

- Next steps for potential grants or developing funding and resources
- Solar Workgroup planning
  - Future possible Solar Workgroup meeting areas of focus and timeline
    - Meeting 2 in January with a potential focus on POWER and regional partnerships, community education and outreach planning, and identification of or updates on possible solar projects
      - Utilize DMME AML possible solar site inventory
    - Meeting 3 in February with a potential focus on developing tangible solar projects, outreach, draft Roadmap elements
    - Community outreach and meetings in February
      - Examples – a new website? Articles? Workshops? Sparky? Etc.
      - Residential, community, business and commercial outreach
    - Meeting 4 in March to finalize the Roadmap and plan for next steps
  - Are there any other key elements that are needed to ensure success of the Solar Workgroup?
  - What other future presentations or awareness building would be helpful for the Solar Workgroup?
  - Who else needs to be included?
- Other potential next steps for individual groups
- Any additional information needs or next steps

**12:00      Adjourn**

**Potential Best Practices for Solar Development in Southwest Virginia** (building on ideas from Oct. 4 scoping meeting):

- Power generated in the region should benefit the region
- Develop job opportunities and training programs that will be of long-term benefit to communities and individuals throughout SWVA
- Other ideas?