

Maryland Commission on Climate Change Adaptation & Response Working Group

Date/ Time: Friday, April 17, 2015; 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Location: Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Room C-1, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland

Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**

- **Adaptation & Response Planning in Maryland – Status and Update**

Objective: ARWG Staff to provide a brief overview of Maryland's climate change adaptation planning efforts to-date. State-agency adaptation leads to provide short (3 minute maximum) update on current efforts.

- **Executive Order: Strengthening Climate Action in Maryland (EO 01.01.2014.14)**

Objective: ARWG Staff to provide an overview of key elements of EO 01.01.2014.15 and the proposed 2015 ARWG Work Plan.

- **2015 General Assembly Recap (SB258 & HB514)**

Objective: ARWG Staff to provide a brief overview of SB258 and HB514, which passed both chambers and are awaiting Governor's approval. Both bills would establish in statute the Maryland Commission on Climate Change and charge of the ARWG.

- **2015-2016 ARWG Action Priorities**

Objective: Solicit feedback from ARWG members on the implementation priorities, deliverables, timelines and performance measures from among the following list of proposed actions (as specified in EO 01.01.2014.14):

1. Develop broader public/private and State/local partnerships to better address the consequences of climate change, and to better communicate with and educate citizens about the urgency of the challenge and options to address it.
2. Address the challenge that low income and otherwise vulnerable communities will likely be disproportionately impacted by climate change.
3. Assess the impacts that climate change will likely have on the State's economy, revenues, and investment decisions.
4. Recommend short and longer-term strategies and initiatives to better address the consequences of climate change.
5. Deliver tools and assistance to local governments to support community-scale climate vulnerability assessments and the development and integration of specific strategies for enhancing resilience to the impacts of climate change into local plans and ordinances.

- **Annual Report of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change - November 15, 2015**

Objective: ARWG members to explore and discuss the format, content and production schedule for development of the Adaptation Element of the 2015 MCCC November Report.
Background: EO 01.01.2014.14 requires the Maryland Commission on Climate Change to report on the status of the ARWG work plan efforts, including future plans and recommendations for legislation, if any, for consideration by the General Assembly on or before November 15, 2015.

- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Action Plan – Adaptation Element**

Objective: ARWG members to explore and discuss potential format, content and production schedule for the GGRA Plan October report.
Background: By October 1, 2015, MDE is required to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly that includes, among other elements, an analysis of the overall economic costs and benefits to the State’s economy, environment, and public health of a continuation or modification of the requirements to achieve a 25% greenhouse gas reduction. In addition to this element, this report could include a larger Adaptation Element.

- **Adaptation and Response Working Group (ARWG) Membership**

Objective: ARWG members to discuss need and recommended format to broaden stakeholder representation and inclusion of members with specific issue area expertise on the ARWG.
Background: From 2007-2014, the ARWG has primarily been comprised of representatives of the following state agencies: DNR, MDE, MDP, MHT, DHCD, DoIT, MES, MEMA, DBM, DHMH, MDOT, MPA, SHA, MDA, MIA, MEA, DGS and the University System of Maryland. The ARWG has also formed a number of sector-based working groups to assist with implementation of specific action items, including the development of the Phase I and II Adaptation Strategies. Both state agency and stakeholder representatives have participated on each of the ARWG’s underlying working groups.

- **Meeting Recap & Next Steps**

Objective: Synthesize meeting discussion and identify next steps, action items, responsible parties, timelines, and future meeting dates.

- **Public Comments**

- **Adjourn**

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