

**Maryland Commission on Climate Change
Adaptation & Response Working Group**

Date/ Time: Thursday, January 4, 2016; 1–3 PM
Location: Maryland Department of Transportation
Hanover, Maryland

Draft Meeting Minutes

1. Attendance-

DNR – Secretary Mark Belton, Matt Fleming, Catherine McCall, Nicole Carlozo, Kate Skaggs, Megan Granato, Chris Becraft, Kristen Peterson; DHMH – Clifford Mitchell, Xaviour Walker, Meghan Smith, Rachel Hess-Mutinda, Crystal Romeo Upperman (DHMH/UMD); MDOT – Meg Andrews; SHA – Elizabeth Habic; MIA – Joy Hatchette; MDE – Gary Setzer, Scott Zacharko; CAC – Ren Serey, Nick Kelly, Kate Charbonneau; Maryland Port Administration – Jill Lemke; Eastern Shore Land Conservancy – Brian Ambrette; Georgetown Climate Center – Sara Hoverter, Austin Castellano

2. Welcome/ARWG Business

- Secretary Belton of DNR called the meeting to order and called for approval of the July 29th Meeting Minutes – no amendments made.
- Highlights were provided about an increased MCCC interest to focus on resiliency in the work group’s efforts and provide more regular in-depth updates at Commission meetings.
- Scott Zacharko of MDE provided a brief update of the 2015 reports and SB0323.
- Kristen Petersen of DNR provided a brief update about the Fall public outreach meetings that the ECO work group hosted at four locations (Baltimore City, Montgomery County, Easton, Lusby).

3. Presentation: Climate Health Profile

- Clifford Mitchell, Director of Maryland’s Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Environmental Health Bureau provided a presentation overview of initial Maryland Climate Health Profile Report approaches and findings.
- The Climate Health Profile was completed by University of Maryland School of Public Health and DHMH and released in April 2016.
- Links: [Maryland Climate and Health Profile Report](#). The report projects the likely public health impacts of climate change in Maryland, in four pilot jurisdictions (Wicomico, Prince George's, and Washington Counties, and Baltimore City) and across the State. The report is available through the Department's Climate Change website, http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/OEHFP/EH/Pages/Climate_Change.aspx

4. ARWG 2016 Priorities Discussion/Work Plan

- ARWG members discussed four proposed 2016 priority areas – addressing climate impacts on the State’s most vulnerable populations and communities; public/private partnerships; climate impacts on the State’s economy and revenues and implications to investment decisions; and, assistance to local governments.
- Work group members provided feedback on these priorities and interest areas that highlighted (1) utilizing existing networks for information sharing and capacity delivery; (2) identifying the cost of adaptation and resiliency, especially in key areas that could include beaches/tourism; (3) working with private firms to address adaptation such as with the insurance industries; (4) framing work in ways that address other issue areas that local partners are working to advance.
- In general, there was support for these four priority areas and using upcoming meetings to discuss each. There was also interest in discussing how the ARWG could identify gaps, find ways to address shortfalls or emerging needs and guide policies.

5. Working Group Updates and Logistics

- Secretary Belton proposed quarterly meetings of the ARWG and members were in favor of this approach.
- Megan Granato and Kate Skaggs of DNR announced the 2016 Coastal Resiliency RFP to support local adaptation project partnership and funding opportunities for local governments.
- Chris Becraft of DNR delivered a presentation about the new Chesapeake Bay Climate Resiliency goals and outcomes and identified an opportunity for public feedback.
- Catherine McCall of DNR provided an update to ARWG members regarding a MCCC steering committee request that each work group prepare an annual work plan and that work would begin on this once a template was provided.

6. Meeting Adjourned