

# Handout # 4

## Maryland Commission on Climate Change

### Commission Meeting #3 - April 28, 2015

#### *Action Items - Recommendations from the Steering Committee*

#### **Recommendation on Management of Outside Resources**

- Charge the Steering Committee and the Working Group leads to work with Town Creek and the outside contractors to define and approve workplans, deliverables and due dates from outside contractors and to work with Town Creek on the day-to-day management of these contractor efforts.

One of the first steps in this process should be to define what deliverables state agencies are already working on because of the requirements of the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Act of 2009 and to then use the outside contractors to supplement this work in a manner consistent with the goals of the Commission.

Action Requested – Approval of the Commission

#### **Appointment of Mike Powell to the Commission**

- Appoint Mike Powell (representing the business sector) as a new member of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change to fill one of the vacant positions.

Action Requested – Approval of the Commission

#### **Approval of New Mitigation Workgroup Liaisons/Co-Chairs**

- Accept the recommendation of the previously approved liaisons to the Mitigation Working Group (Lynn Heller and Mike Tidwell) to appoint Stuart Clarke (Town Creek Foundation) and Mike Powell (representing the business sector) as the new liaisons/co-chairs of this Working Group.

Action – Approval of the Commission

#### **Recommended Structure of the November Report**

- Approve the general structure of the November Report described in Attachment 1

Action Requested – Approval of the Commission

## Attachment 1

The November 15, 2015 report of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change should be structured to answer the following questions.

- Where are we relative to where we are required to be with regards to:
  - Actual to budgeted emissions reductions;
  - Actual to budgeted pace of emissions reductions;
  - Actual to budgeted emissions reduction program implementation;
  - Actual to budgeted adaptation implementation.
- What are the economic and social costs and benefits associated with our efforts to address the causes and consequences of climate change, and how are those costs and benefits distributed across Maryland's population?
  - What are the avoided economic and social costs associated with the State's efforts to address the causes and consequences of climate change? How would these costs be distributed across Maryland's population?
  - What are the realized economic and social costs associated with the State's efforts to address the causes and consequences of climate change? How are these costs distributed across Maryland's population?
  - What are the economic and social benefits associated with the State's efforts to address the causes and consequences of climate change? How are these benefits distributed across Maryland's population?
- Are there exogenous factors (e.g. federal and/or regional policy, scientific or technological advances, market forces, etc.) that suggest the need for revisions to the GHG reduction goal and/or the GHG reduction plan?
- How should the GHG reduction goal and/or plan and our adaptation efforts be revised or improved in light of the pace of our progress, the amount and distribution of economic and social costs and benefits, and relevant exogenous developments since its adoption?