

Maryland Commission on Climate Change
Steering Committee

September 28, 2017, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at MDE

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Attendance: Ben Grumbles, Susanne Brogan (for Treasurer Kopp), Catherine McCall, Lori Arguelles, Susan Payne, Brian Hug, Allison Rich, John Fiastro, David Costello, Jason Dubow, Lisa Nissley, Luke Wisniewski, Erick Thunell, Jess Herpel

By Phone: Dick D'Amato, Mike Powell, Stuart Clarke, Anne Lindner, Dorothy Morrison (MDOT), John Kumm

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Brian called the meeting to order and attendance was provided around the room and over the phone. He then introduced the recommendations, noting that they were redrafted with the Working Group chairs and refined to be more streamlined and straightforward, assigning responsible parties and providing timelines for the request. The full recommendations would still be included in the report appendix.

2. Working Group Recommendations for the Annual Report

- Adaptation and Response Working Group
 - Basics - Major change to specifically call out members to do the regional meetings (not a general thing)
 - 3rd about water programming - probably make a connection to fish passage goals, join it with this
 - Comment - distinction between recs for outside entities and stuff the report would do; if so, first one belongs in a work plan for the commission
 - Ben comment on arwg: recommendation #3 “and identify ways to increase their resilience and effectiveness”
 - Staff suggested rather than moving number one to work plan, could we rework and direct better; ID DNR & MDP
- Education, Communication, and Outreach Working Group
 - Restructured to pull out key best practices
 - What to raise general awareness (specifically) - Commission consultation provide info and updates on 40-by-30 to the general assembly
 - Ben: important to promote the report, look for forums to do that with
 - Why not have an annual briefing that allows public to comment on the plan
 - Press may even want to cover it; more visibility
 - Some of this may fall into work plan territory
- Mitigation Working Group

- Recommends that the mwg works with the commission what we're working on in
 - Will work on grouping like items together
 - Item #1: is there anything someone could be doing to facilitate?
 - Item #3: add EJ in relation to climate change
 - The goal for #4 , when buying anything, what can we do to go greener
 - Investigation, not setting new goals or requirements yet
 - #5 this more of a work plan,
 - Don't take this out, labor unions need this one and want stronger language. No word from Jim Strong yet though
 - Could reword to no actor?
 - #6 recommended change to get emerging instead of technologies
 - #8 – would assume as not really recommendation, more internal
 - #10 more specific than #3
- Scientific and Technical Working Group
 - Identify for discussion
 - #3 same thing in mwg recs, might wanna work together on that - could get into what-if scenarios
 - #4 is beyond the plan in the statues - “future” in front of public policy options

3. Wrap Up

- New Meeting Dates - 10/24 and 11/8 (1-3p at MDE)
- Updated Timeline - Comments & feedback on the new recommendations by next Tuesday (10/3)

We hope you will be able to join us in person, however if you need to call in that day, the number is:

Conference Number: (605) 475-4000

Access Code: 997763#

MCCC Steering Committee Meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00am. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26th.