

Maryland Commission on Climate Change Adaptation & Response Working Group

Date/ Time: Wednesday, July 29, 2015; 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Location: Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Room C-1, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland

Agenda

- **Welcome, Introductions and Review of Agenda**
- **Approval of April 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes**
- **Presentation: The Netherlands and Climate Change**

Objective: ARWG member and MCCC liaison Dick D'Amato will speak about his recent trip to the Netherlands and how the country is adapting to climate change and preparing for the upcoming United National Climate Change Conference in Paris.

Background: The current consensus in the Netherlands is that by 2100, there will be a sea level rise of 4.26 feet. Climate change and substantial long-term funding are subjects of both broad public and political attention. Dutch bureaucratic entities have been taking on the task of climate change measures and have developed technologies and building techniques that address the problem in creative ways.

- **Presentation: NOAA Toolkit**

Objective: NOAA representative Jennifer Faught will demonstrate how to use the new NOAA toolkit created in the spring of 2015, which provides online information and resources about climate change.

- **Mitigation Working Group Report Update**

Objective: ARWG members to update and edit the content of the Adaptation element of the 2015 Mitigation Working Group October Report. This report will be used to inform the 2015 MCCC November report.

Background: The GGRA requires the Mitigation Working Group to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly by October 1, 2015 that contains a summary of the State's progress toward achieving the 2020 emissions reduction goal set forth by the GGRA. 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.

- **Implementation Tables**

Objective: Solicit feedback from ARWG members on the implementation priorities listed in the Phase I and Phase II Implementation tables for the 2015 Adaptation update for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act and Maryland Commission on Climate Change.

- **Future Priority Actions for the ARWG**

Objective: ARWG members to discuss and recommend future priority actions of the working group.

- Delivery of 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
- Assess the impacts that climate change and adaptation will likely have on the State's economy, revenues, and investment decisions
- Challenges of the impacts of climate change and adaptation on low income and vulnerable communities
- Development of broader partnerships for the ARWG to better communicate with and educate citizens about the urgency and challenges of climate change; Discussion of new membership

- **Meeting Recap & Next Steps**

Objective: Synthesize meeting discussion and identify next steps, action items, responsible parties, timelines, and future fall 2015 meeting date.

- **Public Comments**

- **Adjourn**

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<http://climatechange.maryland.gov/>