

Adaptation & Resiliency Working Group Q3 2019 Meeting Agenda

Date/Time: Monday, August 5, 2019; **2:15-4:00 PM (TIME CHANGE)**

Location: Maryland Department of Natural Resources
580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401
Conference Room C-1

Chair: Secretary of Natural Resources, Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio

Coordinators: Catherine McCall and Kim Grubert

Meeting Objective: The third quarter meeting will provide an opportunity for the ARWG to hear progress updates on several 2019 Work Plan topics, including plans to address saltwater intrusion and nuisance flooding, as well as opportunities to build climate change resilience through environmental compliance programs. Additionally, building off presentations and discussions at the May 20 meeting, this meeting will provide a forum to further discuss the next phase of adaptation work in the state. These conversations will guide the main goal of this meeting, which is to generate the 2020 adaptation-related recommendations that are due in September for the 2019 MCCC Annual Report.

I. Welcome, Introductions & Review of Agenda 2:15 - 2:20 pm

Secretary Haddaway-Riccio, DNR

Decision: Seek approval of May 20, 2019 meeting notes.

Materials: Q3 2019 Meeting Agenda
[May 20, 2019 draft meeting notes](#)
[2019 ARWG Work Plan](#)

II. HB 1350 / SB 1006 Progress Updates 2:20 - 3:00 pm

Matt Fleming, DNR, update on Coast Smart Council meeting, 2:20 - 2:25 pm

Jason Dubow, MDP, update on Saltwater Intrusion Plan, 2:25 - 2:50 pm

Sasha Land, DNR, update on Nuisance Flood Plan guidance, 2:50 - 3:00 pm

Background: The Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 1350 / Senate Bill 1006 in July 2018, which directs MDP to establish a plan to adapt to saltwater intrusion by December 15, 2019. MDP initiated a work group of state agency and subject matter experts in 2018 and has continued in 2019. A draft Saltwater Intrusion Plan will be provided to the ARWG for review this fall. Amendments this year also require that on or before October 1, 2019 MDP, in consultation with DNR and MDE, shall develop and publish guidance to assist local jurisdictions in the collection of data to establish nuisance flooding baselines.

Discussion: Both Saltwater Intrusion and Nuisance Flood Plans are listed in the 2019 ARWG Work Plan, so this Q3 meeting provides an opportunity to hear progress, ask questions, and discuss next steps.

III. Park Equity and Hazard Risk: Opportunities for DEIJ in Adaptation Discussions 3:00 - 3:20 pm
Sandi Olek, DNR

Background: In the 2019 Work Plan, the ARWG committed to providing a forum for discussing diversity, equity, inclusion and justice (DEIJ) to allow the membership to better understand how current climate work can better incorporate DEIJ. DNR staff will highlight a project being conducted in partnership with the Maryland School of Public Health to integrate a Park Equity Analysis tool into MdEJSCREEN as a sub-tool. To fully realize the social, environmental and health benefits, green space can be defined by proximity, usability and quality. The work will ultimately provide Maryland with public health indicators for underserved communities in need of green space and the ability to understand more about underserved communities and hazard risk.

IV. Adaptation 2020s & Annual Report Recommendations 3:30 - 3:50 pm
Catherine McCall, DNR

Background: Since the 2007 Executive Order was signed establishing the MCCC, Maryland has been a national leader in advancing climate adaptation. The ARWG developed Phase I and II adaptation strategies in 2008 and 2011 for advancing resilience across sectors. After a decade of strategy implementation and as we learn more about how risks are evolving and ways to build adaptation, the ARWG is discussing evaluation of progress and definition of future steps and opportunities. In May 2019 ARWG membership discussed the need for and interest in scoping the next phase of adaptation milestones. Volunteers from the May 20 meeting met July 10 at DNR to initiate a discussion about potential sectors and scope potential outcomes.

Discussion: The sub-committee will present a summary of the July 10 meeting and ARWG members will participate in a discussion about ways to identify needed next steps to advance Maryland's next decade of climate resiliency progress.

Water Resources – Quantity/Quality (Matt Rowe & Jim George, MDE)
Natural Resources & Ecosystems (Catherine McCall, DNR)
Local Government Action/State Service Delivery – (Jim Bass, ESLC; Jason Dubow, MDP)
Human Health – (Allison Gost Breitenother, MDH)
Natural & Working Lands – (Susan Payne, MDA)
Infrastructure & Transportation – (MDOT)
Diversity & Environmental Justice – (Nell Ziehl, MHT/MDP)
Climate Jobs & Training – (Kim Grubert, DNR)

V. Updates, Meeting Recap & Next Steps 3:50 - 4:00 pm
ARWG Membership

Adaptation Indicators

- CZM-funded proposal with UMCES
- Chesapeake Bay Program Climate Resiliency Work Group proposal

New Business

- Annual report recommendations: Due to MDE (MCCC staff) in September

- Upcoming Discussion about a Community of practice for the Climate Leadership Academy

Upcoming Dates:

- Next MCCC meeting: Thursday, August 8, 2019 1-3 pm at MDE
- 2019 ARWG meetings at DNR: Monday, November 18 2:15-4pm at DNR
- Workshop in the fall to further refine adaptation indicators

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