

MARYLAND COMMISSION · on · CLIMATE CHANGE

Ben Grumbles, Chair

Maryland Commission on Climate Change

Steering Committee

May 24, 2018, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
MDE, SERV Conference Room

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions

In attendance: Ben Grumbles, Nancy Kopp, Susanne Brogan, Anne Lindner, Mike Powell, Lori Aguelles, Susan Payne, Hans Schmidt, Chris Rice, Peter Goodwin, Dave Nemazie, John Kumm, Dorothy Morrison, Hannah Brubach, Jess Herpel, Luke Wisniewski, Lisa Nissley
By Phone: Tad Aburn, Stuart Clarke, Earl Lewis, Matt Fleming, Jason Dubow

2. Working Group Updates *Reminder - Please report any changes to the 2018 Work Plans* *There have been no changes to the working group work plans.*

- Adaptation and Response Working Group Matt recapped the Climate Leadership Academy Kick-off. DNR will keep the SC and Commission up to date as things progress.
- Education, Communication, and Outreach Working Group Hannah reported that ECO has been developing ideas for outreach on the GGRA Draft Plan and the MCCC Report. We have been identifying stakeholders and talking about best methods. Later this year, ECO would like feedback from MCCC and the SC.
- Mitigation Working Group The MWG SC has been working on new processes in response to concerns where people would like more discussion and less presentations. The next meeting will test a plan to have no presentations, but a panel discussion based around 4 questions developed by the Steering Committee. If a panel member has materials they would like to share, they will be sent ahead of time. Also, there will be a special session after the meeting to discuss modeling options.
- Scientific and Technical Working Group STWG is in talks with MDE staff about a project designed to filling gaps on GGRA data. They do not have dates or participants just yet.

3. Structure of MCCC Meetings

- What should working groups be reporting?
- Options for encouraging discussion

Various suggestions were made. The group considered longer meetings, though they were open to the idea of having special topics before or after a meeting, such as the Modeling Sub-Group MWG will have next week. They were also open to the idea of phone calls or webinars highlighting a topic or giving updates we tend to do at meetings. Everyone favors more discussion, less presentations. It

was suggested that we may not need updates from every working group every time, but most people would like to have an update from each group. However, the staff/steering committee should determine if one group needs longer time to cover more info. The SC generally agrees with the notion that we end up rushing the reports and this leads to a gap in information. It was also suggested we might do a summary of the points highlighting the MWG discussion that could be shared with the larger group, if it is not too much work

4. New Business

- Reminder on MCCC Appointments [Members should speak with their appointing authority to share if they are or are not interested in continuing service.](#) Most appointments are up for reappointment in June.

5. Wrap Up

- The June 19th MCCC Meeting will take place at MDE. [MDE will share a draft agenda next week.](#)
- The June 28th Steering Committee will be by phone.

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 June 28th.