



Maryland Commission on Climate Change
Steering Committee Notes

May 25, 2017, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at MDE

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In attendance: Secretary Grumbles, Susanne Brogan, Susan Payne, Mike Powell, John Kumm, Don Boesch, Dorothy Morrison, Earl Adams, Allison Rich, Tad Aburn, Brian Hug, Luke Wisniewski, Liz Entwisle, and Lisa Nissley

By phone: Stuart Clarke, Jason Dubow, Lori Arguelles, Catherine McCall, Colleen Turner, David Costello

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Old Business

- Hatcher & Ecologix Outreach Work Brian updated the SC on the work of Hatcher (result of Town Creek funding) and Ecologix. There are five one-pagers being drafted on topics previously approved. As they are developed we will share drafts for review. Both will do a full update at the June Meeting. Tad suggested that the State Agencies with outreach efforts update as well (DNR & DHMH).

3. Standing Reports

- Working Group Updates
 - Scientific and Technical Working Group The last meeting took place on 4/26, planning another for 6/20 that will include MDOT, MACo, and others. Details to follow.
 - Adaptation and Response Working Group ARWG met this past Monday, working with MDP on local government surveys about what locals need and want; what they are already implementing.
 - Mitigation Working Group The recent meeting on Healthy Soils went well. Next two meetings are in the works. It was mentioned that it might help to share more newsworthy items with the commission and other stakeholders. Some members expressed an interest in also keeping up with the work of the PSC. There was discussion on what this could look like. The idea of a newsletter was mentioned as well. As we moved into the outreach discussion, Secretary Grumbles expressed

support of an effort to make a newsletter work, but stressed it should be well thought out and not overly time consuming so it does not distract from other duties.

- Education, Communication, and Outreach Working Group A new co-chair, John Kumm, will be working with the working group. Allison described efforts going on in addition to the Hatcher and Ecologix work including gathering a tool kit with information about climate related topics and a social media campaign based around images of climate change in the community. Allison continues to work with CEJSC & CEHPAC on these issues as well.

4. New Business

- June 21 MCCC Agenda Add time to review the five one-pagers
 - Review of Website
 - Working Group Reports
 - Outreach Work w/Hatcher & Ecologix Add time for agencies to update
 - MDE Draft Plan
- June Steering Committee 6/22 - Move up a week? Suggested change to 6/15, Lisa will follow up with scheduling.
- 2017 Report Table of Content (working from 2016 TOC) Consensus is that the 2016 TOC is a good place to start for the next report. Tad described the report as showing progress continues, building off work from 2015 and 2016 and heading toward the draft for the 2030 plan. Don suggested we show current projection of GGRA and the role the MCCC has had in development of the plan. Allison suggested we include an Executive Summary that could be translated into Spanish. Mike Powell suggested we think about a way to show the ideas that we have considered, but don't necessarily plan to implement at this time.

5. Wrap Up

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 22nd.*~~ *The next meeting will take place by phone on Thursday, June 15th at 10a in order to plan for the next MCCC Meeting. Conference Number (605) 475-4000 Access Code: 997763#*