

ECO Notes 3/16/16

In attendance: Tad Aburn, Brian Hug, Michelle Petersen-Honeywell, Mark Shaffer, Lisa Nissley, Ben Silverstein, Terry Hardcastle, Larissa Johnson-UMCES, Allison Rich-MdEHN , Colleen Williams-DNR, John Coleman-MDP, Steve Rabbe-Opinion Works

By phone: Steve Arabia-NRG, David Costello, Jason Shellheart-MDA, Sam Kappalman-Hatcher Group, Colleen Turner-MDOT, Danielle Lipinski-MDLCV

Tad updated the Committee on the legislative session. SB 323 GGRA has passed the Senate. The crossfile, HB 610 is on second reader in the House. This has been a bipartisan effort and has the support of business and advocate representatives. The 40 by 2030 requirement is included. Everything is moving through the process well.

Public Comment

Ben Silverstein-Interested in engaging public on reducing CO2 (see attachment for details). Tad said the Department is open to these ideas, working with VEIP, MEA, and others.

Terry Hardcastle-Shared information about a bill he developed, HB 948. It was heard last week and received an unfavorable report. Broadly, the bill would have required energy utilities to include a picture of a household's carbon footprint in each bill. Tad pointed out that we may be able to work with the utilities to do this without legislation.

Review of Meeting Scheduled – Lisa shared the meeting schedule for 2016 (basics below, will be finalized at Steering Committee meeting on 3/24).

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From: Lisa Nissley -MDE- <lisa.nissley@maryland.gov>

Date: Thu, Feb 18, 2016 at 10:05 AM

Subject: Re: Maintaining Momentum from our MCCC Steering Committee Retreat

Hello,

MDE has worked on a proposed schedule based on the retreat discussion. This is just a draft. We will further discuss this on the call tomorrow.

MCCC Steering Committee - Regularly scheduled, 4th Thursday of the month, 10-12p;
SERV Room reserved at MDE for each date, thought perhaps we may move to calls in the future
Agenda for March Meeting: Discussion on by-laws, review Working Group work plans

Full Group Meetings - Propose 4 meetings this year; agenda ideas are listed below. The dates proposed are available on Secretary Grumbles calendar, consider session, and have room availability at MDE. Dates-
Monday, April 18th, 12:30-2:30p - review workplans, legislative update, draft by-laws presented
Monday, June 20th, 12:30-2:30p - (required per the law) reconstituted MCCC, Progress from working groups, present report timeline, finalize by-laws
Monday, September 19th 12:30-2:30p - Review Draft
Wednesday, November 9th, 12:30-2:30p - Final Report Vote

Working Groups - All working groups are required by law to meet by the end of October; please reserve October meetings for reviewing the report draft

MWG Meetings - 1st Monday, 10-12p at MDE

MWG Steering Committee - every other Friday

ECO Meetings - 3rd Wednesday, 10:30a at MDE

Adaptation has had one meeting, so far not regularly scheduled.

Science has not yet met.

Tad complimented the draft workplan the ECO Committee has been working on. It served as a model for the template that was developed for all the working groups.

There was a discussion of what resources for outreach. ECO would like to see an improved web presence and dedicated state staff for outreach. Tad suggested we produce a calendar of all existing activities other stakeholders have that we may participate in.

The group confirmed the priorities of plan are listed in the priorities section of the work plan. She will use this info to finalize the draft to conform to the template.

Steve Rabbe presented the findings of a recent survey about Marylander's attitudes on Climate Change (see attached).

Larissa suggested we link Renew videos on businesses addressing Climate Change.

For future meetings, the group would like to have DHMH share public health data info that is available and perhaps helpful for future efforts. Allison will reach out to them.

It was suggested that Steve Rabbe present at the next MCCC Full Group meeting.