

# **Maryland Commission on Climate Change**

## **Mitigation Working Group**

**December 19, 2016 – 12:00-2:30PM – MDE**

### **Meeting Notes**

*Attendance:* Brian Hug, Colleen Turner, Earl Lewis, Les Knapp, Jim Strong, Dan Engelberg, Anne Lindner, Susan Payne, Elliott Campbell, Mike Powell, Tom Walz (DHCD), Todd Metcalfe (RESI), David Smedick (Sierra Club MD), Scott Zacharko (MDE), Chris Hoagland (MDE), Megan Ulrich (MDE), Erick Thunell (MDE), Luke Wisniewski (MDE), Jess Herpel (MDE), Chris Beck (MDE), Liz Entwisle (MDE), Joe Lutz (MDE)  
*Phone:* Mike Remsberg, Barry Powell (DGS), David Costello, Mike Tidwell, Andrew Kreider,

#### **Agenda Item #1: Introductions**

- Brief introduction by Brian Hug, attendance was taken
- Co-chair Comments were invited – Mike Powell reminded the group that they will need to begin forming more concrete recommendations for the draft plan in 2018

#### **Agenda Item #2: 2017 Work Plan and Calendar**

- There was a request for more information regarding UMCES funding, in order to better inform the calendar schedule
  - There have been no updates
- Brian noted that MDE will be looking for people to help set up speaker panels and presentations for their relevant topics
- Inquiry regarding whether updates will be provided, such as RGGI and other legislation
  - Expect pertinent topics to be discussed as other business
  - Cautioned – should not become a forum for discussion of bills not yet passed; don't want the WG to be pressured to take a position on a pending bill
    - We should instead focus on bills that have passed and how they will affect us
- Several comments were made regarding the schedule which will be incorporated in later drafts
  - Adjusting the date of topics
  - Updating the Transportation topic to be more general, better reflect the priority

#### **Agenda Item #3: Other Business**

- Brief RGGI update was relayed by MDE, discussion is still ongoing

#### **Agenda Item #4: Public Comment**

- No public comments were noted

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.