

Maryland Commission on Climate Change
September 18, 2018, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm – MDE

Agenda

1. Welcome from Secretary Grumbles & Introductions (5 Minutes)
 - Secretary Grumbles welcomed all attendees to the meeting. The secretary announced that this September RGGI is celebrating its 10th year as a auction program. In addition, Maryland announced this month its intention to phase-out HFCs used in industrial refrigeration and foam production.
2. Public Comment (20 Minutes)
 - There was no public comment.
3. Discussion: GGRA Scenario Update (30 Minutes)
 - Chris Hoagland updated the MCCC on the Policy Scenario 1 results. This reference policy scenario shows where Maryland would be if we only continued the programs currently in place in Maryland and current federal policies.
 - Tory Clark from E3 added detail by explaining the policies used to run through the Pathways model.
 - Mike Siers from Towson University provided detail on the expected economic impacts of Policy Scenario 1 based on the REMI model.
4. Update & Discussion: Working Group 2018 Annual Report Recommendations (60 Minutes)
 - Education, Communication, and Outreach Working Group – Hannah Brubach, MDE
 - The Commission had no comments or changes for the ECO recommendations.
 - Scientific and Technical Working Group – Dave Nemazie, UMCES
 - The Commission looks forward to seeing the STWG recommendations as soon as possible after the October 15th meeting.
 - Adaptation and Response Working Group – Catherine McCall, DNR
 - The Commission had minimal comments or changes for the ARWG recommendations.
 - The ARWG Recommendations were divided into the topics of: Saltwater Intrusion, Nuisance Flooding, Climate Leadership Academy, Public Health,

Phase III WIP, Evaluation of Adaptation Strategies, Healthy Soils Initiative, and Environmental Justice.

- o Under Nuisance Flooding, the Commission would like to see a fiscal agency included in the workgroup. State Treasurer Kopp stated she was attending the workgroup meetings.
- GHG Mitigation Working Group – MWG Leadership
 - o The Commission had minimal comments or changes for the MWG recommendations.
 - o The MWG Recommendations were divided into the categories: 40 by 30 Plan, 2020 Manufacturing Study, Energy, Transportation, and Land & Forestry Management.
 - o Under Transportation, MCCC Member, Nancy Kopp, suggested that MDOT also include in their recommendations that they will report on the analysis of electric trains and rail.

5. Next Steps (5 Minutes)

- o The Commission agreed during discussion that Commissioners should bring forward any new suggestions for recommendations, and any additional revisions in the upcoming weeks, so that a final version can be ready for the October 23rd meeting.
- o The original recommendations presented by the Working Groups will also appear in an appendix to the Report, as they have in the past.

