

**Maryland Commission on Climate Change  
Adaptation & Response Working Group**

Date/ Time: Monday, December 3, 2018; 2-4 PM

Location: Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401

Purpose: This 2018 fourth quarter ARWG meeting will provide updates on a variety of ongoing adaptation efforts and Maryland-specific climate projections work. Feedback will be sought on 2019 priorities and work needed to inform the development of an ARWG 2019 work plan. The work plan will need to be drafted in the next quarter and approved during the 2019 first quarter meeting.

**I. Welcome, Introductions & Review of Agenda - Secretary Belton 2:00 – 2:10 pm**

Discussion: Seek approval of July 30th meeting notes.

Materials: Meeting Agenda (Attachment A)  
[July 30, 2018 draft meeting notes](#)<sup>1</sup> (Attachment B)

**II. Summary of MCCC 2018 Annual Report - Catherine McCall 2:10 – 2:20 pm**

Discussion: Highlight adaptation-related recommendations and discuss implications for ARWG 2019 work plan priorities.

Materials: MCCC 2018 Annual Report

**III. Coast Smart Legislation: Saltwater Intrusion & Nuisance Flooding  
Sasha Land & Jason Dubow 2:20 - 2:30 pm**

Discussion: DNR and MDP staff will provide an update on progress being made on the legislative requirements for the state to develop a saltwater intrusion plan by December 15, 2019 and for local jurisdictions to develop nuisance flood plans by July 1, 2019.

Feedback: Input from membership about how and when to engage partners, opportunities for collaboration.

Materials: [House Bill 1350](#)<sup>2</sup>  
[Senate Bill 1006](#)<sup>3</sup>

**IV. STWG Sea Level Rise Projections - UMCES/STWG representative 2:40 - 2:50 pm**

Discussion: UMCES will provide an update about the STWG's work to update Maryland-specific sea level rise projections. Opportunity for the ARWG to work closely with the STWG and ECO on the rollout of these projections (e.g. communication how new projections may impact

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<sup>1</sup> <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Air/ClimateChange/MCCC/ARWG/ARWGMeetingNotes07302018.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2018rs&id=HB1350>

<sup>3</sup> <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&tab=subject3&id=sb1006&stab=01&ys=2018RS>

local and statewide decision-making). Discuss the need for updated maps that depict vulnerability (and connections to Coast Smart legislation) Discuss possibility/need for convening a workshop to determine appropriate mapping platforms and tools.

V. **Hazard Mitigation through Restoration** - *JaLeesa Tate & Sasha Land* **2:50 - 3:10 pm**

Discussion: MEMA and DNR staff will discuss a new FEMA job aid/funding opportunity to use hazard mitigation grant funding for restoration to build resilience. Staff will facilitate a discussion about collaboration opportunities and an approach for connecting restoration-focused resilience efforts across Maryland's landscapes.

VI. **Environmental Public Health Adaptation Tracker** - *Allison Gost & Cliff Mitchell* **3:10 - 3:20 pm**

Discussion: MDH staff will provide an update on the effort to track progress on climate change adaptation in the public health sector through the Environmental Public Health Adaptation Tracker (EPHCAT).

VII. **2019 Work Plan, Adaptation Priorities, Cross-Issues Discussion** **3:20 - 3:45 pm**  
*Secretary Belton, Catherine McCall*

Discussion: Discuss items and issues to be prioritized for 2019 discussion, prioritization and work plan development. Seek feedback about connection points with STWG, MGW, ECO, as well as other outside entities. Discuss how the ARWG wants to consider emerging issues (e.g. adaptive retreat, inland flooding, restoration/resilience, support of members' adaptation work, etc.)

Feedback: Members are asked to be prepared to share feedback about priority topics, actions that would enhance current adaptation work, new or emerging adaptation issues that the work group should pursue or explore, or items that should be discussed during 2019. As we work toward a 2019 work plan due in the March timeframe, it will be critical to have solid feedback.

VIII. **Updates, Meeting Recap & Next Steps** **3:45 - 4:00 pm**

Discussion: Chesapeake Bay Sentinel Site Cooperative Marsh Resilience Summit (*Fredricka Moser*)  
Maryland Climate Leadership Academy  
2019 meeting dates

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