Commissioners (or representatives) in Attendance:
Ben Grumbles - Chair of Commission and Secretary of Environment;
Stuart Clarke - Town Creek Foundation;
Mike Powell – Private Sector Representative;
Tad Aburn – Maryland Department of the Environment;
Donald Boesch - University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES);
Lori Arguelles - Alice Ferguson Foundation;
Mike Tidwell - Chesapeake Climate Action Network;
Sue Briggum - Waste Management, Inc;
Peter Zadoretzky - Bozzuto Group;
Jason Dubow - Department of Planning;
Dana Stein – Maryland General Assembly;
Matt Fleming - Department of Natural Resources;
Colby Ferguson - Farm Bureau;
Paul Pinsky - Maryland General Assembly;
R. Earl Lewis - Department Transportation;
Chuck Fry - Maryland Farm Bureau;
Bruce Riegel – Maryland.gov
Kevin Conroy – Maryland.gov
Charles Deegan – Maryland.gov
Anne Linder – Exelon Corp
Jim Strong – USW
Larry Kasecamp – Labor (Building and Construction)
Dorothy Morrison – MDOT
Russell Dickerson – UMCP
Mark Belton – DNR
Qubilah Huddleston – Exelon Corp
Jane Kirschling – UMD School Nursing

On Phone:
Rebecca Rehr - Maryland Environmental Health Network;
Tom Walls - Department Housing Community Development

In Attendance:
John Fiastro; Chris Rice; Deborah Wagner; Chloe Ahman, Ashley Sebonowski, Tom Ballentine, Les Knapp, Dan Engelberg, Kate Charbonneau, Kathy Selle, Brian Ambrette, Ben Hobbs, Alicia Moran, Jim Doyle, Catherine McCall, Liz Entwisle, Dave Nemazie , David Costello, Megan Ulrich, Lisa Nissley, Scott Zacharko, Chris Hoagland, Chris Beck, Eli Brown, Jess Herpel, Pam Kasemeyer, Gwen Dubois (public comment), Margaret Flowers (public comment)

I. Introduction

Meeting was called to order at 12:30. Secretary Grumbles invited each attendee to introduce themselves.

No Questions or Agenda updates were offered.
II. Update on 2016 Priorities
   - No voting today, just a review of Workplan and priorities
   - Tad presented slides about Workplan, recommendations, and schedule – see attached

III. Working Group Updates

   A. Adaptation and Response Working Group (ARWG)
   Matt Fleming presented the status of the ARWG. Points are as follows:
   - ARWG has 2\textsuperscript{nd} quarterly meeting for 2016
     - Presentations from SHA, Sagamore Development Corp, and DNR’s CoastSmart
   - 3\textsuperscript{rd} quarterly meeting will focus on:
     - Reviewing 4 focus areas and initiatives included in MCCC legislation
     - Memo provided that includes 4 priorities and innovative ideas
   - Prioritize serving vulnerable communities, and determining economic impact
   - Developing performance metrics
   - ARWG will share SHA vulnerability study

   B. Education, Communication, and Outreach Working Group (ECO)
   Lori Arguelles presented status of the ECO. Points are as follows:
   - ECO still seeking a co-chair
   - ECO meets every 3\textsuperscript{rd} Wednesday of the month
   - “intra” communication has been important
   - Website platforms have been reviewed and discussed
   - Question: how can we be more responsive to the public?
   - ECO will engage in public outreach representing MCCC – the law requires it

   C. Science and Technical Working Group
   Donald Boesch from UMCES presented the status of the STWG. See attached materials. Points are as follows:
   - Modified the STWG committee – 2 individuals departing and 2 joining
   - Adding an Agriculture expert
   - 2016 STWG tasks and 2016 goals included in attached powerpoint
   - Sea-level rise figure need further review and discussion
   - TMDL mid-point assessment will focus on climate change impacts

   D. Mitigation Working Group (MWG)
   Tad discussed the progress of the Mitigation Work Group. Slides attached. Points are as follows:
   - For more info about 2016 priorities see attached slides
   - Monthly meetings will include extra time for discussion
• Planning webinars will begin soon (information sessions)
• Potential recommendations
  o 40 by 30 goal and progress tracking
  o Methane leakage (inside and outside of MD)
  o Enhanced Econ Analysis and EJ Issues
  o EV’s – outreach, partnerships, and infrastructure
  o Clean Energy Strategies – EE/RE

Review of the MCCC Steering Committee (12 members)
  o Purpose: keep MCCC on-track
  o Monthly meetings
  o Work Plans were created under Steering Committee recommendations
  o Need to develop process, schedule, and plan for 2016 Report
  o 2015 Law requires reports from State agencies. Steering Committee has to define what the reports look like

IV. Bylaws of the Commission
• Worked with Steering Committee to form small group to draft MCCC by-laws
• One remaining issue: Voting (majority or super-majority)
• Goals is and always has been consensus
• Proposal: MCCC votes on all issues after Steering Committee reviews all issues?
  o MCCC vote not necessary for all issues
• Steering Committee role is to review all language (and tone)

V. Proposal for Working Group Funding

Dave Nemazi provided update:

• Some Working Groups submitting joint requests
• 1-6 projects
• Goal is to have projects completed in 9 months
• All sectors represented on review committee
• MDE legal council recommended that UMCES process the procurement

VI. Discussion Relevant Events/ Wrap Up
• Veto of RPS bill
  o Proposal: MCCC provide feedback in the form of recommendations
  o Does the scope of the 2015 Law cover commenting to the General Assembly?
  o Governor Hogan’s issue with the bill was electricity rates
  o MD has aggressive RPS already
  o Veto of RPS will call for reductions to be made elsewhere
  o Still possible that veto will be over-riden

VII. Public Comments

• Short-lived Climate Pollutants and Methane leakage need further study by MCCC
• Cove Point LNG expansion and related Environmental Justice issues should be considered

Meeting adjourned at 230PM