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**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**MARYLAND GREENHOUSE GAS & CARBON**  
**MITIGATION WORK GROUP (MWG)**  
**Meeting #1, July 27, 2007**  
**11:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Attendance:**

1. MWG Members:

Tad Aburn, *MDE*, Chair  
Malcolm Woolf, *MEA*, Co-Chair  
Uri Avin, *Parsons Brinckerhoff*  
Dr. Michelle Harris Bondima, *Baltimore City Community College*  
Paul Chan, *Citizen*  
William Chandler, *Transition Energy*  
Robert Driscoll, *Mirant (Ramola Musante)*  
Joel Dunn, *The Conservation Fund*  
Nancy Floreen, *Montgomery County Council*  
Jonathan Gibraltar, *Frostburg State University*  
Ed Giugliano, *AES Warrior Run*  
Frank Heintz, *Citizen*  
William Hellmann, *Rummel, Klepper & Kahl*  
Brad Heavner, *Environment Maryland*  
Mary Jackson, *W. L. Gore*, (for William Livingston)  
Debra Jacobson, *DJ Consulting*  
Elizabeth Martin, *Natural Resources Defense Council*  
Dr. Cindy Parker, *Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health*  
John Quinn, *Constellation Energy*  
Michael Replogle, *Environmental Defense*  
Thom Rinker, *Environmental Banc & Exchange* (for Dixon Harvey)  
Dr. Lise Van Susteren, *The Climate Project*

2. Coordinating Agency Staff:

Jim Lewis, *MDE*  
Renee Fizer, *MDE*  
Diane Franks, *MDE*  
Crissy Godfrey, *MEA*  
Randy Mosier, *MDE*

3. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):

Tom Peterson, *Facilitator*  
Ken Colburn, *Facilitator*

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Randy Strait (by telephone)

Public and others in attendance:

Liz Enwisle  
Joan Rohlf, MWCOG/MWAQC  
Howard Simons, MDOT

**Background documents:**

All posted at: [http://www.mdclimatechange.us/GHG\\_Carbon\\_Mitigation\\_WG.cfm](http://www.mdclimatechange.us/GHG_Carbon_Mitigation_WG.cfm).

1. Agenda
2. Overview of the MCCC PowerPoint presentation
3. Mitigation Work Group overview PowerPoint presentation
4. Maryland Department of Environment and Maryland Energy Agency presentation on existing and planned GHG reduction programs.

**Discussion items and key issues:**

This was the first meeting of the MWG.

1. The meeting was called to order at 11 am and introductions of all MWG members were made.
2. Presentations were made as indicated on the agenda:
  - a. Brian Hug of MDE discussed the purpose and goals of the MWG, with an overview of the Governor's Executive Order.
  - b. Ken Colburn, Tom Peterson, and Randy Strait of CCS discussed recent climate developments and trends and the preliminary GHG Emissions Inventory and Forecast for Maryland.
  - c. Tad Aburn of MDE presented a review of current climate change actions in Maryland.
  - d. Several questions and comments regarding the inventory and forecast were raised, including breaking out electricity imports, breaking out electricity use by sector, whether electricity imports correspond to coal usage, clarification of assumptions used, and highlighting of uncertainties.

**Next Steps:**

1. The MWG will be divided among five Technical Work Groups (TWGs):
  - Agriculture, Forestry and Waste
  - Cross-Cutting Issues
  - Energy Supply
  - Residential, Commercial, and Industrial
  - Transportation and Land Use

2. Each member of the MWG was asked to indicate their preferences for assignment to the TWGs. Preference forms were distributed at the meeting and will also be sent by e-mail to the members.
3. The facilitators will distribute a draft catalog of policy options to each TWG before its first meeting. Each member is asked to add any additional items that appear to be missing from the catalog as soon as possible in order to keep the process moving forward. The MWG will review the TWG catalogs at its next meeting.
4. The group is asked to be as comprehensive and creative as possible at this stage as well as throughout the process in addressing climate change issues.

**Future Meetings:**

1. Unless notified otherwise, future meets of the MWG will be held Sept 7th, Sept 28th, and October 26th. Locations are to be determined.
2. Schedules for the technical groups will be distributed as soon as TWG assignments have been made.