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MEETING SUMMARY
MARYLAND ADAPTATION AND RESPONSE ADVISORY GROUP
Future Built Environment and Infrastructure Technical Work Group
(FBEI TWG)

Call #4, November 29th, 2007

Attendance:

Technical Working Group: Gil Dissen, Julie Gorte, Jason Holstine, Joe Maheady, Sue Veith

Maryland State Department Representatives: None

Center for Climate Strategies (CCS): Kirstin Dow

Public Attendees: None

Background documents:

(http://www.mdclimatechange.us/Adaptation_Coastal_Development.cfm)

1. Meeting Summary #3
2. FBEI Catalog of State Actions with Ratings (revised)
3. FBEI Ballot Form
4. Sue Veith's ARWG Decision Matrix

Discussion items and key issues:

1. Introductions
2. Review ARWG FBEI ballot results
3. Develop final recommendations to ARWG
4. Agenda, Time and Date for Next Meeting & Subsequent TWG Meetings

Purposes and Outcomes

1. Review ARWG FBEI balloting results
2. The group reviewed the balloting results and made suggestions to consolidate closely related topics
3. CCS explained that ARWG would review these recommendations at the Dec 7th meeting. With ARWG approval, the next step is the development of straw proposals.
4. Agenda, date and time for the next TWG meeting were reviewed.

TWG Review of Balloting and Recommendations

1. The review of ballots identified several sets of closely related topics received a few votes individually, but quite a few as a group. In several cases, these items were merged. The recommendations note those instances, and total ballots cast for each option.

2. Catalogue option 4.8, conducting a detailed analysis of pros and cons of hard and soft shoreline protection approaches was move to the top set because it seemed to be a fundamental information need.
3. Catalogue option 5.16 was moved up in the ranking because members felt it was important to address the economic impacts, to move early to take advantage of possible opportunities in this area
4. Items 5.6-5.11 were grouped and included among the top ranked items because training and capacity building were viewed as essential to success of other options.

Next steps and agreements:

1. Circulate a draft set of recommendations to TWG members so those that missed the call will have an opportunity to comment.
2. The next TWG call will be held on **December 13th, 2007 from 3-5 EST.**
3. Future calls:
 - a. Call #6 is scheduled for: January 3rd 3-5 pm EST.
4. Group members who cannot make the calls can request a personal update in addition to the meeting notes.
5. The next ARWG meeting is on December 7th. The TWG recommendations will be reviewed and the straw proposal process will be discussed in more detail.
6. ARWG will also meet on January 11th to review straw proposals. Straw proposals should be posted no later than Monday Jan 7th.
7. TWG members are encouraged to forward germane data and reference material to Kirstin Dow (kdow@sc.edu).

Materials for each call will be posted at the Maryland Climate Change website (see address above). CCS will notify the TWG members when the materials are available for review.