



Maryland Adaptation and Response Working Group

Meeting #8 – February 8, 2008

Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Maryland Department of Planning
The Center for Climate Strategies

Welcome and Introductions

- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Department of Planning
- Maryland Adaptation and Response Working Group (ARWG) Members
- Members of the Public
- Center for Climate Strategies

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Presentation on Insurance and Discussion of related Options
- Costing Approach for Straw Proposals
- Working Lunch at Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Control Center
- Overview of the MEMA Functions and Control Center
- Straw Proposal Review for all TWG's
- Overview of Final Report: Structure and Content
- Next Steps
- Public Input and Wrap-Up

ARWG Stepwise Planning Process

1. Prepare Synthesis Report - Ongoing
2. Identify a full range of possible actions - Oct. 1/Oct. 19
Identify 1-3 options for Interim Report - Nov. 2
3. Identify priority options for analysis - Dec. 7
4. Restructure and re-arrange priority options - Jan. 11
5. Review Draft Straw Proposals - Feb. 8
6. Approve Straw Proposals -
7. Evaluate feasibility issues - Mar. 7
8. Develop alternatives to address barriers -
9. Aggregate results to extent applicable -
10. Iterate to final agreements - Apr. 11
11. Finalize and report recommendations - TBD

Presentation

Task Force on the Availability and Affordability of Property Insurance in Coastal Areas

Ralph Tyler and Randi Johnson
Maryland Insurance Administration

Discussion

Future Built Environment and Infrastructure Policy
Option: **Create a Climate Change and Insurance Commission (FBEI-5)**

Existing Built Environment and Infrastructure Policy
Option: **Disclosure (EBEI-10)**

Discussion

Costing Approach for Straw Proposals

Bill Dougherty, CCS and Zoe Johnson, DNR

Presentation

Overview of the MEMA Functions and Control Center

Ruth Mascari and Warren Campbell, MEMA

Human Health, Safety & Welfare

- **HHSW-1 Health Impacts Assessments of the Climate Change Action Plan**
- **HHSW-2 Coordination Across Agencies Responsible for Human Health and Safety**
- **HHSW- 5 Public Health Response Plans for Large Scale Floods, Storms and Storm Surges**
- **HHSW-9 Vector-borne Surveillance and Control Programs**
- **Hazard Preparedness And Emergency Planning**
- **Public Awareness And Capacity Building**

Existing Built Environment & Infrastructure

- **EBEI - 2 Observation System for Changes in Coastal Zones**
- **EBEI - 3 Adaptation of Vulnerable Coastal Infrastructure**
- **EBEI – 10 Disclosure**
- **Coastal Protection Evaluation**
- **Development Standards**

Future Built Environment & Infrastructure

- **FBEI-2 Mandate Integration of Findings and Recommendations into All Appropriate State and Local Programs**
- **FBEI-4 Preserve Underdeveloped, Vulnerable Lands**
- **FBEI-5 Create a Climate Change and Insurance Commission**
- **FBEI-8 Economic Development Initiative**
- **FBEI-9 Training and Capacity Building**
- **Planning**
- **Integrated Spatial Data Systems**

Resources & Resource-Based Industries

- **RRI-1 New Criteria for Identifying Priority Protection Areas**
- **RRI-4 Forest and Wetland Protection**
- **RRI-7 Modify Environmental Protection Regulations**
- ***RRI-9 Promote Sustainable Shorelines***
(Consolidate with RRI-7?)
- **RRI-8 Impacts Assessment of Fish Stocks and Habitat**

Overview of Final Report Structure and Next Steps

Next Steps for TWG's

- Sub-groups continue to refine straw proposals to characterize priority options using template
- CCS facilitators begin quantifying, compiling

Template for Characterizing Priority Adaptation Options

- Option Description
- Option Design (Target, Timing, Parties, etc.)
- Implementation Mechanisms
- Related Policies/Programs in Place
- Estimation of Adaptation Benefits & Costs
- Documentation of Adaptation Benefits & Costs
- Additional Benefits & Costs
- Feasibility Issues
- Status of Group Approval
- Barriers to Consensus

Public Input, Announcements

Next ARWG Meeting

- Date, Time and Location:
 - Friday, March 7, 2008
 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 - Location: TBD
- Agenda:
 - Seek to finalize Straw Proposals for priority policy options
- Future Meetings
 - April 11, 2008

