

**Maryland Coast Smart Council**  
**May 20, 2019**  
**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**DNR Meeting Notes**

Tawes State Office Building  
Conference Room C-1  
580 Taylor Ave  
Annapolis, MD 21401

*Attendance:* Matthew Fleming (DNR), Gary Setzer (MDE), Sandy Hertz (MDOT), Sepehr Baharlou (Bayland Consultants and Designers), Peter Goodwin (UMCES), Katherine Charbonneau (DNR/CAC), Sypros Papadimas (DGS), JaLeesa Tate (MEMA), Susan Gore (DBM), Joseph Abe (DNR), Kristen Fleming (DNR), Catherine McCall (DNR), Kimberly Hernandez Grubert (DNR), Jennifer Raulin (DNR), Dave Guignet (MDE), Emily Vainieri (OAG), Brian Ambrette (Eastern Shore Land Conservancy), Christine Conn (DNR), Andrew Asgarali-Hoffman (MEMA), Jenn Raulin (DNR), Dave Nemazie (UMCES), Jim Bass (Eastern Shore Land Conservancy), Drew Budelis (Versar), Jackie Specht (DNR), Ed Link (UMD), Megan Granato (DNR), Kevin Brown (Ocean City), Bill Neville (Ocean City), Joe Brenner (KCI), Anthony Cursato (OAG), Paul Berman (SIO), Robb Newton (DNR), Tom Perrot (Consultant), Walt Zalis (Consultant),

*Conference Phone:* Kevin Wagner (MDE), Mary Phillips (Somerset County)

1:05 p.m. Meeting Began

**Agenda Item #1**

- Matthew Fleming welcomed everyone, asked for introductions and called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #2**

- Members were asked if there were any edits or additions to the 2-25-19 meeting notes. With none suggested a motion to approve the notes was requested. A motion to approve the 2-25-19 notes was made and seconded. The Council voted on and approved the meeting notes.

**Agenda Item #3**

Matthew Fleming called for announcements and updates:

- Emily Vainieri provided an overview of recently signed HB 1427 - Sea Level Rise Inundation and Coastal Flooding –Construction, Adaptation, and Mitigation  
Follow-Up Action: A small workgroup with membership from MDE, MDOT, DNR and the OAG agreed to review the long-term recommendations identified last year and update, as necessary. The revised draft language will be distributed in advance of the next Coast Smart Council meeting in August and discussed during the meeting.

- Kevin Wagner mentioned that on May 8, 2019 there was a Flood Insurance Round Table held at the Navy Marine Corps Stadium. The intent of the Round Table was to start a discussion surrounding flood risks and insurance in Maryland. Summary notes will be shared with Council.
- Matt Fleming gave an update of Maryland's Climate Leadership Academy, including a new 1-day training class targeting local government officials.

#### **Agenda Item #4**

- Mapping Workgroup Update: Dave Guignet presented the recommended vulnerability standard developed by a Coast Smart Council workgroup consisting of DNR, MDE, UMCES, and MDOT. The recommendation - the 100-year flood elevation plus three feet - is a regulatory-based standard that is more protective than the category 2 storm surge established by SB1006 in 2018. The Council approved the workgroup's recommendation.
- Follow-Up Actions: The Council will update the Coast Smart Siting and Design Criteria, as well as the program document, to reflect the new vulnerability standard. The new standard will also be included in the amendments being developed by the Council and presented to Senator Pinsky and Delegate Stein for consideration during the 2020 legislative session.

#### **Agenda Item #5**

- Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Update: Sandy Hertz introduced the revised the EAF that was modified to document Coast Smart Program compliance. She also described other changes that were made to bring the EAF up to date with today's environmental regulations and programs. She also mentioned that changes made to the EAF will need to be incorporated into guidelines issued by the Secretary of Natural Resources to assist State agencies in the completion of the EAF. In addition, MDOT will need to promulgate regulatory changes under COMAR 11.01.08.08 once the EAF is updated and approved.
- Follow-Up Actions: The Coast Smart Council approved the recommended approach to use the EAF to document whether certain projects coming before the Board of Public Works are compliant with Coast Smart guidelines. The Council was asked to review the revised EAF and provide comments by June 3, 2019. After incorporating Council comments, the next step will be to share the revised EAF with the State agencies currently using the form and request comments. The Council will review the revised EAF at its August 5th meeting and, if possible, approve the final EAF/Coast Smart Guidelines.

#### **Agenda Item #6**

- Due to time constraints, Jenn Raulin's presentation on the University of Maryland Design Studio was postponed to the next meeting.

2:15 pm: Meeting adjourned.