

**Maryland Coast Smart Council**  
**December 3, 2018**  
**11:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**DNR Meeting Notes**

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

*Attendance:* Mark Belton (DNR), Nancy Kopp (MD Treasurer), Mary Phillips (Somerset Co.), Sepehr Baharlou (Bayland Consultants), Kevin Brown (Ocean City), Gary Setzer (MDE), Susan Gore (DBM), Sandy Hertz (MDOT), Kate Charbonneau (DNR/CA), Spyros Papadimas (DGS), Matthew Fleming (DNR), Joe Abe (DNR), Catherine McCall (DNR), Sasha Land (DNR), Jackie Specht (DNR), Jennifer Raulin (DNR), Elizabeth Habic (MDOT/SHA), Dave Guignet (MDE), Emily Vainieri (OAG/DNR), Brian Ambrette (Eastern Shore Land Conservancy), Drew Budelis (Versar), Anna Johnson (Bayland Consultants & Designers), Joe Brenner (KCI Marine & Coastal), Andrew Asgarali-Hoffman (MEMA), Jihane Ambroise (MEMA)

*Conference Phone:* Gerry Galloway (UMD-College Park), Mark Beck (USMD), Michael Bayer (MDP)

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**Agenda Item #1**

Welcome and Announcements

- Secretary Belton provided welcome
- Introductions around the room and on conference line, including new Council member Spyros Papadimas (replacing John Brush for DGS)
- 7/30/18 Meeting notes - A motion was made to approve and then seconded. Council voted and approved the meeting notes.
- Jenn Raulin provided an update on National Estuarine Research Reserve work supporting natural and nature-based features (such as using dredge material for living shorelines and wetlands build-up to support climate resilience along shorelines ) and the University of Maryland Design Studio project for DNR field station in Somerset County (applying Coast Smart guidelines to a research/public education facility while engaging next generation of design professionals)
- Matt Fleming provided a brief update on the Climate Leadership Academy
- Joe Abe discussed a recent conference call among Council members, technical staff and Louisiana officials interested in emulating the Council's work.

**Agenda Item #2**

Implementing 2018 SB 1006/HB1350 Legislative Changes

Matt Fleming walked through components of Implementation Plan and proposed schedule:

- DBM, with help from state agencies and BPW staff, will take lead in defining exactly what local projects are to be included and determine the impacts of the \$500,000 and 50% thresholds. Team will seek clarification at 2/25/19 Council meeting.
- A technical team that includes DNR, MDOT, SHA, MDE, UMCES and MEMA will assess alternative vulnerability assessment tools and recommend option to Council at 2/25/19 meeting.

- MDP, with assistance from MDE, MDA and DNR, is developing a plan for adapting to saltwater intrusion, due on 12/15/19. Team will present a report framework to Council at 5/20/19 meeting.
- BPW has the lead, with help from DNR, MDE and MEMA, to establish criteria to evaluate whether state funds may be used to mitigate hazards associated with sea level rise inundation and coastal flooding. Council members noted that this was among the most ambiguous of all the legislative changes. A schedule was proposed that would culminate in finalizing criteria by 12/31/19.
- A team will continue developing technical assistance to local jurisdictions affected by nuisance flooding. Two goals are proposed for the 2/25/19 Council meeting: (1) identify scope of impacted communities and elements of nuisance flooding plan and (2) identify available resources to assist local communities. At the 8/5/19 Council meeting there will be an initial review of local nuisance flooding plan submissions. Based on this review, recommendations for the next phase will be developed.

### **Agenda Item #3**

Review 2018 Annual Report Framework, timeline and recommendations for 2019

- In the context of setting the 2019 Council agenda and drafting the Coast Smart Council 2018 Annual Report, Joe Abe reviewed past Council commitments from previous annual reports and new commitments based on SB1006/HB1350. He asked Council members for feedback regarding missing items, clarifications or additions to the proposed action plan for 2019.
- Gary Setzer recommended adding the follow-up work to the Coast Smart Assessment & Certificate discussed at the recent November 16 meeting at Treasury building with BPW staff and agency staff familiar with budget and project approval. The most viable option from that meeting was to modify the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) commonly used by agencies to ensure project compliance with the Coast Smart siting and design guidelines. New check list items on the EAF would serve as documentation that a project had considered and applied the Coast Smart siting and design guidelines. DNR, which was granted regulatory authority under MEPA, would take lead in developing this regulatory change to the EAF.

### **Agenda Item #4**

Wrap-Up & Adjourn

- Joe Abe requested that state agencies submit accomplishments and recommendations to be included in the CSC 2018 annual report.

12:03 pm: Meeting adjourned