



Climate Resiliency Workgroup (CRWG) Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2016

10:00AM – 3:00 PM

Conference Line: (866)299-3188 Code: 410-267-5731

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Meeting Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/24312/>

CBPO Location: Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)

AGENDA

10:00 AM **Welcome & Introductions** (Co-Chair Mark Bennett, USGS and Co-Chair Erik Meyers, The Conservation Fund)

10:05 **Announcements** (CRWG Members)

10:15 **Climate Resiliency Work Plan- Action Item: Options for Addressing Climate Change in Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans** (Zoë Johnson, NCBO)

Objective: Zoë will review the timeline for 2017 Midpoint Assessment Climate Considerations and engage the full CRWG in the process to develop and approve Guiding Principles and Options for incorporating climate change into Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans.

Support Materials:

- Draft Briefing Document (CRWG Small Workgroup)
- [Chesapeake Bay TMDL Executive Summary](#) (U.S. EPA)
- [Predicting the Future and Acting Now: Climate Change, The Clean Water Act, and the Lake Champlain Phosphorus TMDL](#) (Vermont Law Review)

10:40 **Robust Decision Making** (Susan Julius, U.S. EPA/ORD)

Objective: Susan will present an overview of a Robust Decision Making Demonstration project for EPA's National Water Program conducted for two case studies (Patuxent River, MD and North Farm Creek, Illinois River).

Support Materials: [Managing Water Quality in the Face of Uncertainty](#) (RAND, 2015)

11:00 **Group Discussion**

Objective: CRWG members and guests will explore and discuss the development of and process to approve Guiding Principles and Phase III WIP Options briefing document.

12:00 PM **Break**

12:15 **Lunch Seminar: Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition Equity Workgroup & MD DNR's Park Equity Analysis** (Sandi Olek, Maryland DNR)

Objective: Sandi will present an overview of Maryland DNR's Park Equity Analysis and discuss how the Equity Workgroup of the Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition is using the data, along with public community outreach activities, to inform its biodiversity and resiliency efforts.

1:00 **EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool (EJ Screen)** (Darius Stanton, Alliance for the CB; John Wolf, USGS)

Objective: EPA has developed an environmental justice (EJ) mapping and screening tool called EJSCREEN. It is based on nationally consistent data and an approach that combines environmental and demographic indicators in maps and reports. John will give a brief demo of EPA's EJ Screening Tool and potential applications for the Chesapeake Bay Program.

1:20 **Chesapeake Bay Environmental Justice Screening Tool** (Reggie Parrish, CBP Diversity Work Group)

Objective: Reggie will give an overview of a new initiative to develop a comprehensive Chesapeake Bay Watershed Environmental Justice Screening tool to provide jurisdictional, sub-watershed, and community level information on demographics and environmental conditions, and their relationship to selected Agreement outcomes.

1:40 **Climate Change, Public Health and Diversity: An Overview of Maryland's "BRACE" Grant** (Clifford Mitchell, Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene)

2:00 **Group Discussion** (CRWG and Diversity Workgroup Chairs)

Objective: A primary element of the CBP Climate Resiliency Management Strategy is to foster a larger discussion on the linkage between climate impacts and diversity. In support of this strategy, the CRWG included two key actions in its two-year work plan:

- 1) Work with the Diversity Action Team to identify and pursue opportunities to create a strong linkage between the Climate Resiliency and Diversity Management Strategy; and
- 2) Undertake targeted efforts to engage diverse stakeholders.

CRWG members will discuss the nexus between projects and necessary next steps to support implementation of these key actions.

3:00 **Wrap-Up/Adjourn**