



AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 17, 2018
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Room 4/5, 1st Floor

Conference Call #: 973-435-3108 (toll-free 888-702-9706)
Conference Room Number: 9346
Participant PIN: 4375

DRAFT AGENDA

- 5:30 P.M.** **1. CALL TO ORDER, AGENDA, MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL**
Tamara Toles O'Laughlin, ACPAC Vice Chair
- 5:35 P.M.** **2. COASTAL STORM RESILIENCE STUDY**
Amanda Campbell, COG Staff
Gayle McCowin, US Army Corps of Engineers – Baltimore District
- COG and several partners are collaborating with the US Army Corps of Engineers on a Coastal Storm Risk Management study to analyze flooding and identify potential solutions, focusing on the northern Virginia coastline.
- 6:15 P.M.** **3. REGIONAL TREE CANOPY REPORT**
Michael Knapp, Montgomery County, Regional Tree Canopy Workgroup Chair
- COG forester Brian LeCouteur collaborated with Michael Knapp and other regional foresters to produce a Tree Canopy Management Strategy report. The report describes regional recommendations to support local governments in their forestry efforts. Maintaining and improving tree cover and forests meets multiple objectives: mitigating climate change, improving air and water quality, reducing stormwater pollution, and encouraging healthy social interaction in communities.
- Action:** Provide feedback on the report's recommendations and possible COG next steps.
- 6:55 P.M.** **4. COMMENT LETTERS**
- MWAQC and CEEPC are considering joint comment letters on the Clean Power Plan repeal and the proposed reduction in corporate average fuel economy standards (CAFE standards).
- Action:** ACPAC members will discuss the letters and provide feedback for CEEPC and MWAQC consideration.

- 7:10 P.M. **5. EJ DISCUSSION**
The committee will discuss achievements and next steps regarding environmental justice as relates to regional and local climate, energy, and air quality activities.
- 7:25 P.M. **6. UPDATES (WRITTEN UPDATES BELOW)**
- November meeting date – is **now November 13** due to Veteran’s Day November 12. We may have a Climate Action Plan 10th year anniversary event that week.
 - Ozone Season Update: This summer the region experienced 8 code orange days and 1 code red day for ozone. The preliminary design value is at 72 ppb again this year. The 2015 standard is 70ppb.
 - What We Can Do Project: COG staff is developing an outline of activities to address the top 3 or 4 priority air quality measures identified through the project (energy efficiency – such as net zero buildings – and renewable energy, heavy duty vehicles, planning for and facilitating alternative modes of travel, and education and outreach).
 - Climate and energy Request for Proposals (RFP): COG issued an RFP and received bids to conduct greenhouse gas emission inventory and mitigation work as well as climate resilience work for the region.
 - Virginia, Maryland, and DC’s VW Settlement fund plans are all published:
 - <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Air/VWMitigation.aspx>
 - <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Air/MobileSources/Pages/MarylandVolkswagenMitigationPlan.aspx>
 - <https://doee.dc.gov/page/volkswagen-settlement>
- 7:30 P.M. **7. ADJOURN. THE NEXT ACPAC MEETING IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018.**