

MARYLAND  
COMMISSION  
ON  
CLIMATE CHANGE  
EXEC. ORDER  
1/1/2014

B. Membership. The Commission's membership shall be expanded to extend the Commission's reach and effectiveness. The Commission's membership shall consist of no more than 25 members and include:

- (1) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;
  - (2) One member appointed by the President of the Senate;
  - (3) The Treasurer of the State of Maryland;
  - (4) The Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment;
  - (5) The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture;
  - (6) The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources;
  - (7) The Secretary of the Department of Planning;
  - (8) The State Superintendent of Schools;
  - (9) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation;
  - (10) The Secretary of the Department of General Services;
  - (11) The Director of the Maryland Energy Administration;
  - (12) The President of the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Science;
  - (13) At least two representatives from local governments;
  - (14) At least two representatives from the business community;
  - (15) At least two representatives from non-profit organizations;
- and
- (16) No more than seven at large members appointed by the Governor.

C. Terms. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor for renewable, two-year terms.

D. Chair. The Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment shall serve as Chair of the Commission.

E. Commission Tasks. The Commission shall:

(1) Strengthen and maintain existing State action plans to further mitigate the causes and drivers of climate change, and address (prepare for and adapt to) the consequences of climate change.

(2) Reestablish Scientific and Technical, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Mitigation, and Adaptation and Response Working Groups, and create other working groups as needed.

(3) Prioritize working group actions, including:

(a) Developing broader public/private and federal/State/local partnerships to better mitigate the causes and address the consequences of climate change, and to better communicate with and educate citizens about the urgency of the challenge and options to address it;

(b) Maintaining an inventory of Maryland's GHG emission sources and sinks;

(c) Addressing the challenge that low income and otherwise vulnerable communities will likely be disproportionately impacted by climate change;

(d) Assessing the impacts that climate change will likely have on the State's economy, revenues, and investment decisions;

(e) Recommending short and longer-term strategies and initiatives to better mitigate the causes and address the consequences of climate change;

(f) Delivering tools and assistance to local governments to support community-scale climate vulnerability assessments and the development and integration of specific strategies for enhancing resilience to the impacts of climate change into local plans and ordinances;

(g) Establishing comprehensive and accountable, annual working group work plans that set annual goals and performance benchmarks, and prioritize new and existing climate change mitigation and adaptation actions and initiatives;

(h) Maintaining a comprehensive action plan, with five year benchmarks, to achieve science-based reductions in Maryland's GHG emissions of 80% of 2006 levels by 2050; and

(i) Convening regular working group and full Commission meetings to ensure that sufficient progress is being made across all sectors and communities in Maryland.