Agenda

I. Welcome and Announcements 12:30 - 12:35
   
   a. Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Maryland Department of Natural Resources will welcome attendees and request introductions.

   b. Review & Approve the 05/11/2020 Council Meeting Notes
      
      ii. Action: Approve Meeting Notes

      Notes: Call to order (12:31pm) and unanimous approval of August 3 meeting notes.

II. 2020 Coast Smart Program Update Docs & Data 12:35 - 1:20
    
    a. Demo of data site with CS-CRAB Boundary

    Notes: Kevin Coyne (DNR) ran through a demonstration of the new CRAB boundary data layers and how they can be used on Coastal Atlas. Several feedback comments included:

       ● A clarification of the wording on the legend in reference to building height and inundation - was unclear what was being referenced. (Dave N. - UMCES)
       ● Discussion regarding non-tidal areas of low elevation that are outside an area of tidal inundation but still showing in the layer. Although not regulatory it was decided it would be useful information and should be kept in the data.
       ● Discussion surrounding a feedback loop - Matt Fleming (DNR) mentioned building this into the training being developed for local jurisdictions and to be administered through the Maryland Climate Leadership Academy on Coast Smart Program updates and changes.
- Members provided input. This is a great tool to explain risk to communities. Level of detail is impressive. Question regarding opportunity for local governments to provide feedback on fine detail? And are there likely to be inconsistencies between storm surge map and CRAB. Recognized this is a big step forward. Question about the development of a mapping resource available that will already have all the GIS layers needed to fill out the Project Screening Form to simplify for applicants?

b. Council review & discussion of draft supplemental documents

Notes: Allison Breitenother (DNR) and Emily Vanieri (AG-DNR) went through a brief update on the supplemental documents being developed including an FAQ document and decision tree/How to Apply document. Question regarding flexibility of documents to incorporate future changes to the program. This would not be an issue.

Sandy Hertz (MDOT) reviewed existing tools and applications and how they could be leveraged to assist applicants when completing the screening process. This included a demonstration of the MD Watershed Resources Registry (WRR) and DFIRM (MDE). Using these applications will help create some consistency in the application process. Short discussion about creating a stand alone tool that combined all of these layers and processes for the applicant - could be done but causes maintenance/data update issues and limits flexibility.

III. Member Updates, Public Comment & Wrap Up 1:20 - 1:30

a. Council member announcements (open floor)

b. Public comment (open floor)

Notes: Allison Breitenother mentioned that 2021 will now have 5 CS Council meetings. Calendar invites have been sent

Meeting adjourned at 1:27pm

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