

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Summary: January 22, 2025

EJ Subcommittee Members in Attendance: Hon. Dave Snyder, Co-Chair Hon. Kristin Mink, Co-Chair Hon. Tom Dernoga, Prince George's County Noble Smith, MDE Additional Attendees: Wes Darden, Office of Councilmember Mink Gwendolin McCrea, Virginia DEQ Carlton Poindexter, Young, Gifted & Green	COG Staff: Alissa Boggs, COG DEP Heidi Bonnaffon, COG DEP Robert Christopher, COG DEP Robert d'Abadie COG DTP Jen Desimone, COG DEP
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1. WELCOME, APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY, AND PURPOSE OF MEETING – DISCUSS FEEDBACK FROM MWAQC-TAC

Kristin Mink, Co-Chair

Following welcome and introductions, the meeting summary December 19, 2024 was reviewed and approved without changes. Chair Mink said the main focus was to discuss feedback from the MWAQC-TAC and ensure the final spreadsheet of priorities for the action plan is useful and inclusive. The discussion aimed to address key points and concerns from the previous meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Mink invited members of the public to share their feedback on the complete and priority actions. However no members of the public offered comment.

3. DISCUSSION OF MWAQC-TAC FEEDBACK

MWAQC Staff, Co-chairs and Members

Members of the subcommittee discussed feedback received January 14, 2025 from the MWAQC-TAC (Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee - Technical Advisory Committee) Robert Christopher presented feedback from MWAQC-TAC, which included resource constraints, feasibility and communication issues, and regulatory frameworks. The main concerns were the lack of adequate staff and funding to enforce stricter standards, challenges in identifying and defining marginalized and high-impact areas, and the reliance on federal EPA technical guidance based on data analysis for compliance enforcement.

In response, subcommittee members revised the priority action spreadsheet (explain if you added column, or what you did) including clarifying and redefining definitions of marginalized areas, improving communication with communities, developing a collaborative framework for gathering

input from transportation and land use agencies, and capturing enforcement limitations to inform advocacy for legislative and funding support.

4. PUBLIC FEEDBACK/INPUT ON MEETING DISCUSSION

Subcommittee Co-Chairs and Members, Interested Stakeholders and the Public

While Chair Mink opened the floor to the public, none commented.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Kristin Mink, Co-Chair

Chair Mink outlined the plan to incorporate the subcommittee's feedback into the first draft of the action plan. This draft will include additional details requested by the MWAQC-TAC (Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee - Technical Advisory Committee) and will be shared with the subcommittee members for review prior to the next meeting February 21, 2025. The subcommittee also agreed to solicit public feedback on the draft action plan and to hold a second round of listening sessions to gather additional input. The goal is to ensure that the final document is as comprehensive and actionable as possible. The meeting concluded with a reminder of the importance of public participation and the commitment to addressing environmental justice issues.

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The next EJ Subcommittee meeting is February 21, 2025.

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