



Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

Draft Agenda for October 26, 2022

Time	Agenda Item
12:30pm	<p>Welcome - Secretary Strickland</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roll Call - Brittany Cook, MDEM <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Quorum with 19 members in attendance
12:45pm	<p>Nov 1st FSRC Report Discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formatting for the Summary Chart - MDEM staff are working with the MDEM branding team, to accomplish the request from members to link recommendations (in a progressive way) from 2021 to 2022. This task will be completed by October 28, 2022. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Recommendation 1.4 (developed 2021) and Recommendation 1.10 (developed for support in 2022) B. Recommendation 1.5 (developed 2021) and Recommendation 1.9 (developed with further structural details and funding support 2022) C. Recommendation 2.1 (develop 2021) and Recommendation 2.4 (developed for support in 2022) D. Recommendation 3.1 (develop 2021) and Recommendation 3.2 (developed with further structural details in 2022) E. Recommendation 4.1 (develop 2021) and Recommendation 4.6 (developed 2022) F. Suggestions/Concerns: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Add language in the report which identifies which recommendations are building from one another, to mitigate confusion and redundancy between the recommendations from 2021 and recommendations from 2022. II. Legislative updates were entered into the report, but adding significant contextual language into the report is a concern at this stage in editing. Potential suggestion to resolve the initial concern

is to include a brief note or reference to link appropriate recommendations.

2. Recommendation 1.11: *Online Resource Database for Local Maryland Agriculture*

Project Needs: Support MDA's Marketing Web site, Maryland's Best website (<https://marylandsbest.maryland.gov/>), with implementation of a Maryland's Best Advisory Group, to provide input for upgrading the website. The advisory group could ensure there is inclusive perspective regarding recommendations for content expansion, and a website maintenance plan. Advisory group members should include at a minimum a member of the FSRC Environment & Production subcommittee, University of Maryland Extension, Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, and Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, a Maryland producer, and a Maryland institutional buyer (i.e., public school system, University Dining, or prison system).

Is legislation required to implement this recommendation?

No.

Is funding required to implement this recommendation?

\$50,000 to MDA to support additional development of the web site for non-specialty crops. Current federal funding (USDA) is directed to specialty crops. General funds would support further development of the website and advisory group recommendations.

3. The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Recommendation Update: Due to the timing when the recommendation was introduced to the council, the chair and co-chair of the Distribution and Access subcommittee, reserved the option to further examine TEFAP in the future. This language is included in the Next Steps section for the Distribution and Access subcommittee to undertake during 2023.

- Examine potential areas of The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) to strengthen and streamline program areas including but not limited to:

1. the eligibility determination process to bring more equity
2. potentially examining income eligibility guidelines

3. incentivize usage of electronic reporting platforms and stream line reporting requirements
4. **Final Voting for adoption for the 2022 Report** - polling activity results (Yes: 18 , and Abstain: 1) *Report Adopted*

1:30pm

Council Member Round Table & Updates

- Open discussion