

Baltimore County Advisory Commission on Environmental Quality (CEQ) 4/23/2025 Agenda

7:00 pm **Welcome** and brief administrative matters:

1. Several Commissioners' appointment dates have expired or will expire June 30; **please see that your appointment is extended appropriately.**
2. We still need a Commissioner for the home builder position previously held by Jennifer Langford. We welcome suggestions for suitable candidates with pertinent experience.
3. Rota for Greeters at the door: Thank you, Brian Bernstein, for coordinating this.
4. Next presentation in our CEQ series on **Resilience to Climate Change effects in Baltimore County: Resilience to Extreme Heat**, will be on 5/28 when we will hear from the Board of Education. Thus far we have heard from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and from the Department of Health.

7:10 Horacio Tablada, Director of the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability, will speak on current DEPS priorities and goals. With a B.S in Biological & Agricultural Engineering and an M.A. in Public Policy, Mr. Tablada served in the MD Department of the Environment beginning in 1985, first in various management positions, then as Director of Land Management, and then as Deputy Secretary of the department, before being named Secretary of the Environment in 2022. In 2023 he joined Baltimore County as Director of DEPS.

7:35 Q&A

7:45 Followup Updated Road Salt report, Action Items from 3/26/2025 meeting minutes:

Action Item: Each CEQ commissioner reach out to your councilperson and schedule a meeting to talk about the updated road salt report. Members appointed by the County Exec can join the visit with their councilperson. Discussion points: Great work by the county so far. What did you think of the report? What about the task force? How to continue the progress with DPWT in modernizing the equipment and monitor training? Other concerns about overall water quality in BaCo. Mention interest for CEQ to come to a Council work session. **Carol/Kathy/Linda/Brian/Andy can reach out to County Executive to discuss report and also investigate** how to get on an agenda for the work session. How to produce a press release through communications office. Request semi-annual updates from DPWT, Tony Russell. Secondary step:

Spread the word to other community umbrella environmental groups; bring a councilperson along.

Progress reports:

District 1 - Dot Noble

District 2 - Lois Jacobs

District 3 - Christopher Overcash

District 4 - Cari Harris, with Steve Malan

District 5 - Kathy Martin

District 6 - Carol Newill

District 7 - Karen Wynn

8:00 Next steps to follow up on Updated Road Salt report

8:20 Minutes of 3/26/2025, correct and approve

8:30 Adjourn

Next meetings in 2025: 5/28, summer break, 9/24, 10/22, 12/3