

Coalition Suggestions for DRBC Climate Advisory Committee

1. Changes to CAC operations:
CAC increases public participation at their public meetings:
 1. reserves time for public comment and Q and A period;
 2. shares meeting presentations with the public before and after meetings;
 3. publicly notices agenda well in advance of public meetings;
 4. CAC considers holding hybrid meetings so people can attend in person in addition to attending virtually but only if the technical setup provides good amplification of each speaker and is accessible so everyone can hear the meeting participants;
 5. CAC includes presentations at meetings from the public on climate impact issues;CAC infuses urgency and action into its meetings in various ways, including:
 1. Holding more meetings, emphasizing pressing need for climate consideration
 2. Widely advertising meetings
 3. Putting an established meeting schedule out each yearCAC regularly shares science/policies they are reviewing on climate with the public outside of meetings.
2. Engage other DRBC advisory committees in CAC research and intersectional work on climate issues as per Section 3, "Purpose" from enabling Resolution available at: https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/Res2019-08_EstablishesACCC.pdf.
3. Open up the CAC's planned "Climate Impact Study" to public input in an iterative process
 - a. Press forward climate issues through the "Charge" of the CAC under Section 4 of the enabling Resolution – see "Define the scope and support the development of a comprehensive Basin-wide climate impact study to be undertaken collaboratively by DRBC and other Basin partners. This study may be performed in phases and should address climate-related threats and influences potentially affecting the Basin's water supply, water quality and watersheds."
 - b. Share documents/reports being used in or being developed for Climate Impact Study with public while they are being developed/make these accessible to public as works in progress.
4. Develop ways that climate issues can be infused into and directly influence DRBC decision making re. Dockets and policies. This may include rulemaking.
5. Open up CAC's planned "Climate Forum" to public participation and collaboration
Press forward the "Climate Forum" the CAC is charged with developing under Section 4 "Charge" of enabling Resolution. See: "Work with DRBC staff and partners to organize a Delaware River Basin Climate Forum (i.e., technical conference) and provide the Commission with a recommendation regarding the frequency of such events for sharing climate science focused on the Delaware River Basin.")
Widely share presentations of the Climate Forum with public.
6. Support FUNDING for the CAC to do its work – DRBC Commissioners should fund to make climate planning happen.