**Bay TMDL & WIPs Schedule**

**and General Updates & Events**

*(3/18/11 CBPC Meeting)*

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**2010**

* July 1, 2010 – EPA issued Draft TMDL Allocations
* September 1 - States/District issued Phase I WIPs
* September 24 - EPA issued Draft Bay TMDLs
* September 24 – November 8 – Public Comment Period (for TMDLs & WIPs) [COG Comments Submitted to EPA & MD/VA]
* Late November – early December – States/DC Submit Final Phase I WIPs
* **December 29 – EPA Issues Final Bay TMDLs in Federal Register**

**2011**

* June 1 – States/DC to submit Draft Phase II WIPs

**[**Deadline could be modified – Not Done Yet – **Not likely to be more than by 3 months in response to delays in latest WSM data; EPA noted ‘constraints’ due to agreement reached with CBF]**

* + Loads to be sub-allocated to local (county) level – MD plans to have county liaisons
* November 1 – States/DC submit Final Phase II WIPs
* December - EPA to potentially revised TMDLs - Based on refined Watershed Model (WSM)
* December 31 – Bay States must complete first set of 2-Year Milestones

**2017**

* Phase III WIPs to be Submitted – Draft by June 1, Final by November 1
* EPA to assess implementation progress
  + 60% of WIP Implementation to be Achieved & Ensure practices in place to achieve 2025 goal
* EPA to determine **whether** to use WSM updates for WIPs & revised TMDL – **and Revise TMDL if necessary**

**2020**

* Maryland expects to achieve 100% WIP Implementation

**2025**

* 100% of WIP Implementation to be Achieved Bay-wide

**Next Steps / Additional Analysis** *(items noted from Jan 18, 2011 WRTC Meeting)*

* Assist members in development of Phase II WIPs
  + Watershed Model analysis & evaluate data assumptions [Reference WSM presentation]
  + Develop data on regional costs (e.g., for retrofits) [Focus in SW work session & staff work]
  + Gather WWTP LOT costs for region (VA-DEQ request) [Focus in WW work session & staff work]
* Track legislative, regulatory and legal actions [Reference state legislative & federal updates]
  + Stormwater permitting for the Bay [Focus in SW work session & staff work]
  + Virginia’s state stormwater management regulatory updates
  + Farm Bureau Bay TMDL litigation
  + WWTP permitting issues (e.g., request to go beyond ENR) [None noted - so far]

**GENERAL UPDATES**

1. **COG’s New Region Forward Coalition – WRTC Representative**

At its January 12 meeting, the COG Board voted to establish a new Region Forward Coalition to replace the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee. The WRTC will be asked to designate a representative and an alternate to help implement the goals and next steps of *Region Forward*.

1. **COG’s Sustainability Grant from EPA ‘Adaptation & Climate Change’ – Water Sector Representatives**

WRTC members who are interested in participating in this effort are being sought for a Water Sector meeting to help identify and prioritize key issues and impacts associated with current and future climate risks and vulnerabilities. The meeting is expected to occur in later Spring/Early Summer 2011.

**Upcoming Events**

1. **March 18 – CBPC Meeting**

**Agenda Topics:**

* Survey of Member Interest in Addressing Specific Topics
* Status of Bay TMDL & Development of Phase 2 WIP
* Agriculture’s Perspective on Bay Restoration - Tom Hebert, Agricultural Nutrients Policy Council
* Report on Local Progress with Watershed Implementation Planning and “Next Generation” Stormwater Permits - Meo Curtis, Montgomery Co. DEP, and Kate Bennett, Fairfax Co. DPW
* Federal Budget Developments re Bay Restoration
* Collaborating with Other COG Policy Committees

1. **April 6 – COG CAOs – Presentation of Stormwater Fees/Taxes Survey**
2. **May 12 – WRTC Meeting** *(tentative agenda topics)*
   * **Status of Development of Phase II WIPs** (due June 1st)
   * **Review proposed updates for Potomac Water Quality Report & Sector Fact Sheets**
   * **Updates on Regional Wastewater Flow Forecast** (data needs/maybe results)
   * **FY 2012 Regional Water Fund Work Program & Budget** – Endorsement
   * **Information on various FOG initiatives in the COG region –** WW work session
3. **May 20 – CBPC Meeting**
   * **FY 2012 Regional Water Fund Work Program & Budget** - Approval
4. **Late Spring/Early Summer – Adaptation & Climate Change Water Sector Meeting**
5. **Fall/Early Winter 2011 - CBP Wastewater Workshop (proposed)**

CBP’s Wastewater Work Group hopes to hold a (one-day) wastewater workshop that focuses on operational issues – to help identify cost-effective nutrient reduction options/alternatives such as water reuse, use of water conservation techniques, source separation, using FOG to help with digestion/recycle and to reduce energy costs, etc.  Not focused on research, but on case studies where people have piloted or are trying these things full-scale.  A lessons-learned approach, that looks to find supplemental or alternative ways to achieve/enhance nutrient reduction in a more cost-effective and sustainable manner. If successful, CBP’s STAC would be an official sponsor.

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