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**Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee**

**Date:** September 20, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon\*  
**Place:** Board Room  
 777 North Capitol Street, NE  
 Washington, DC 20002

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- Manassas
- Manassas Park
- Prince William County

*\*Lunch will be available for committee members and alternates after the meeting.*

**Meeting Agenda**

10:00 1. **Introductions and Announcements**.....Hon. Penny Gross, Chair  
 Fairfax County

10:05 2. **Approval of Summaries of May 17 Forum and of July 24 Joint Meeting with CEEPC**.....Chair Gross

**Recommended action:** Approve DRAFT Meeting Summaries (*Att. 2a. and 2b.*).

10:10 3. **U.S. Conference of Mayors' Water Quality & Affordability Dialogue - Update**....Judy Sheahan,  
 Assistant Executive Director,  
 The U.S. Conference of  
 Mayors

As detailed in a November 2012 presentation to the committee, the U.S.Conference of Mayors (USCM) in collaboration with other national groups representing local governments, such as the National Association of Counties and the National League of Cities, has launched a national dialogue with EPA over the need for more flexible permitting approaches and a more refined approach to determining the affordability of permit requirements. Several CBPC members have participated in that dialog (*Att. 3a*). Ms. Sheahan will provide an update on the status of the national dialogue and why USCM has developed proposed legislation to amend the Clean Water Act (*Att. 3b*).

**Recommended action:** Provide guidance to COG staff and CBPC members who have participated in national dialogue with EPA.

10:45 4. **Proposed New Bay Agreement – Update on Process, Schedule, & Potential Areas of Comment**.....Heidi Bonnaffon, COG staff

Ms. Bonnaffon will summarize COG’s July comments submitted to the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership regarding their initial draft Bay Agreement (Att 4a). She will also highlight comments from other organizations and agencies received by the Partnership, note WRTC input from their September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, and provide an update about the revised draft Bay Agreement (Att. 4b) and schedule for futher comments.

**Recommended action:** Discuss areas of potential comments for COG 's second comment letter regarding the draft Bay Agreement.

11:10 5. **Water Resources Infrastructure: Focus on Wastewater**.....Tanya Spano, Chief, Regional Water Quality Management

Ms. Spano will report on regional projections for COGs wastewater flows over the next few decades, the status of implementing advanced technologies at plants to meet Bay goals, and the links to COG’s Region Forward and Economy Forward goals. She will also briefly describe additional analysis that is being done, highlight regional infrastructure messaging challenges raised in a recent Washington Post article on “flushable” wipes (Att. 5a.), and provide an update on the planned Regional Water Resources Infrastructure Forum (Att. 5b.).

**Recommended action:** Receive briefing, and identify any additional information/issues that should be addressed.

11:35 6. **Staff Updates**.....COG staff

- Shared areas of interest from joint CEEPC meeting and potential areas of action (Att. 6a.).
- Update on Transportation Planning Board’s Green Streets Policy
- Economy Forward (September 27 Event, 9:00-2:00, National Press Club) (Att.6b.)

11:55 7. **New Business**.....Members

12:00 8. **Adjourn**

*(The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 15, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.)*

Enclosures/Handouts:

- Item 2a. DRAFT meeting summary of May 17 Bay Forum
- Item 2b. DRAFT meeting summary of July 24, 2013 Joint Meeting with CEEPC
- Item 3a. COG staff summary of national dialogue on flexible permitting and affordability
- Item 3b. Draft of USCM Proposed “Water Quality Improvement Act of 2013”
- Item 4a. COG’s initial (long version) comments on the first draft of the Bay Agreement
- Item 4b. Draft of the Bay Agreement (August 23, 2013)
- Item 5a. Washington Post article, ‘Flushable’ Personal Wipes Clogging Sewer Systems, Utilities Say (September 7, 2013)
- Item 5b. Strawman for Water Resources Infrastructure Forum with WEF
- Item 6a. CEEPC/CBPC Shared Interests and Areas for Potential Action
- Item 6b. Economy Forward September 27<sup>th</sup> Event flyer