



WRTC Meeting, January 27, 2020 WRTC Recommendations for March 20th CBPC Forum

MAIN FORUM SUBJECTS

Below is a list of the main topics that staff expect to cover during the March 20th CBPC Forum with EPA and states. COG staff are seeking WRTC member input on these topics, so that staff may develop talking points.

- 1) **Climate Change**
 - a. Modeling: How shall states address the additional 8 M lbs. nitrogen and milestone updates in 2022
 - b. Stormwater resiliency concerns and needs
- 2) **Conowingo**
 - a. Draft Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) for addressing 6 M lbs. nitrogen (estimated out March 13)
 - b. Ensure equity for BMP implementation and funding requirements, since this is in addition to state WIPs
- 3) **PA Accountability**

(MD pursuing litigation against EPA and PA)

Potential talking points:

 - a. Accountability
 - General Assembly funding
 - More agricultural cost share opportunities/other ways to incentivize farmers
 - b. Equity—don't penalize MD and VA for PA shortfalls
- 4) **Briefing by CBPC's Ag Task Force** —To be handled by CBPC; an explanation of COG's plans for an Ag Commission

VOLUNTARY SPOKESPEOPLE AT FORUM

COG staff are requesting members of CBPC and WRTC to be designated spokespersons on the above issues. It is important for EPA, the Bay Program and states to hear local government viewpoints, including examples of successes, challenges, and needs.