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Date: March 21, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon*
Place: Board Room
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

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

AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:00-10:05)

Hon. Penny Gross, Chair
Fairfax County

2. INTRODUCTION OF STEPHEN WALZ, COG'S DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS (10:05-10:15)

Mr. Walz, Director, COG Department of Environmental Programs

Mr. Walz will introduce himself and share plans to meet with Members to understand their priorities and discuss how COG can best serve their needs.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS (10:15-10:30)

Chair Gross

- Approval of January 17th Meeting Summary
- 2014 CBPC member roster
- 2014 CBPC Topics and Proposed Schedule - Heidi Bonnaffon

Recommended action: Approve draft meeting summary (Att. 3a), and provide feedback on proposed meeting topics and schedule (Att. 3c).

4. REGIONAL DRINKING WATER – PROTECTION & INFRASTRUCTURE

A. WEST VIRGINIA WATER CONTAMINATION EVENT AND PREPAREDNESS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (10:30 – 11:10)

Steve Bieber, Chief Urban Watershed Programs and Homeland Security, COG

On January 9, 2014, a water system contamination event resulting from a chemical leak of a compound used in the coal industry occurred in Charleston, West Virginia, affecting over 300,000 people and resulting in a “do not use” notice for approximately 10 days, tens of millions of dollars in lost business, school closures, and extensive national concern. Mr. Bieber will summarize what happened and the emergency response in West Virginia, present information regarding preparedness for potential water contamination events in the National Capital Region and ongoing work to update the region’s Water Supply Emergency Plan.

Mr. Bieber will provide an overview of the COG region’s multi-barrier approach to drinking water monitoring. He will also share lessons learned from the West Virginia chemical spill, and plans to prepare COG region public messaging pertaining to contamination prevention and response (Item 4a).

Recommended action: Members should receive briefing and share thoughts on COG’s water supply and emergency planning programs.

B. COG’S REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORK PLAN AND WATER RESOURCE FOCUS – Stuart Freudberg and Stephen Walz (11:10 – 11:40)

Mr. Freudberg will provide a brief overview of the COG Board’s FY2014 Work Plan priority on Regional Infrastructure and general plans for the coming year. Mr. Walz will provide a brief overview of the types of information that are expected to be included in the Water presentations – focusing today on Drinking Water information and reflecting feedback provided at last week’s COG Board meeting (Item 4b).

Recommended action: Members will be asked to identify any other information that should be included in the Drinking Water presentation to the COG Board on April 9th.

5. STAFF UPDATES (11:40-11:55)

- A. **DC Water’s Green Infrastructure Proposal** - Stuart Freudberg
- B. **Chesapeake Bay Agreement Letter, Management Strategies, and Strategic Planning for Bay Forum (proposed for July 18, 2014)** - Heidi Bonnaffon
- C. **Maryland Stormwater Litigation** –Karl Berger

Please see the General Updates (Att. 5c) for additional news and upcoming events.

6. NEW BUSINESS - Members
(11:55-12:00)

7. ADJOURN
(12:00)

The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, May 16** 2014, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Enclosures/Handouts:

- Item 3a. Meeting Summary for January 17, 2014 (*Draft*)
- Item 3b. CBPC Member Roster (available at meeting)
- Item 3c. Calendar of proposed CBPC meeting topics/schedule
- Item 4a. Presentation on West Va. Event & COG Region Preparedness (available at meeting)
- Item 4b. Regional Infrastructure – Drinking Water Information (available at meeting)
- Item 5a&b. Chesapeake Bay Agreement - CBPC comment letter & technical comments
(final/approved)
- Item 5c. General Updates (available at meeting)