

WRTC Meeting (11/10/11)

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT FY 2012 PROGRAM AREA UPDATES

WASTEWATER & BIOSOLIDS

Sustainable Wastewater Practices Workshop

COG staff is working with wastewater experts in the region to organize a workshop on sustainable wastewater practices. The workshop is sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Program's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC), and it titled "*Real World Examples: Cost- Effective and Sustainable Wastewater Treatment Practices and Other Options to Address Nutrient Reduction Requirements.*" The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, May 16, 2012**, at the Westin Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. The workshop will be integrated with and follow the VWEA education conference scheduled for the following day (May 17th) at the same location.

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STORMWATER

Outcomes of Stormwater Webinar for the Board.

On October 14, COG held a Stormwater Webinar for the COG Board. Presentations and an audio recording of the webinar can be accessed via this link:

<http://www.mwkog.org/environment/water/waterquality/stormwater.asp>

COG's Region Forward blog did a [stormwater post](#), based on the webinar. A survey of webinar participants indicates interest in additional stormwater webinars.

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WATER RESOURCES GENERAL

Climate Change – Water Sector

The *Climate Adaptation Water Sector Meeting* took place on September 8, 2011 (after the WRTC meeting) to address climate issues related specifically to water resource issues. Since then the contractor, SRA International, has been preparing a draft climate adaptation guidebook for the local governments in the metropolitan Washington region based on stakeholders' comments. The draft guidebook is expected to be ready in December 2011, and will be distributed to all stakeholders. Meanwhile, COG staff is preparing various tables to present available baseline data and projected temperature and precipitation estimates for the metropolitan Washington area, noting sources, assumptions, and uncertainties. It is intended that such data could potentially be utilized by local governments and utilized as input in their planning assumption when addressing climate change impacts. These data tables will be sent to the WRTC members for their review and input.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Highlights of Preliminary Legislative Investigations Include:

Maryland

Expect legislation on proposals to increase current Bay Restoration Fund and possibly Bay Trust Fund to close gap in funding for ENR upgrades and potentially to provide cost share funding for stormwater retrofits. Expect return of legislation on requiring local government to establish a stormwater utility.

Virginia

Expect legislation to add funds to the WQIF to make up for ENR shortfalls and potentially provide funds for stormwater. Expect legislation to revise the state's Nutrient Credit Exchange Program to allow expanded trading opportunities among wastewater, stormwater, agricultural and septic sectors.

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UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

November 15 – CWEA Stormwater Summit

This year's CWEA Stormwater Summit theme will be Wet Weather Issues.

November 18 – Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee Meeting

CANCELLED (short business meeting to be held before TMDL Forum on November 30th)

November 30 (10:00 – 12:00, Rms. 4/5, COG) – Special Session of the Chesapeake Bay Policy and Water Resources Committee: Bay TMDL/WIP Forum II - with Jeff Corbin, EPA and state representatives

January 12, 2012 – WRTC Meeting (to be confirmed)

January 20, 2012 – Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee Meeting (to be confirmed)