

**WATER RESOURCES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (WRTC)  
MEETING-VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

**Thursday, March 7, 2013  
(11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)**

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**Revised AGENDA**

- I. **Welcome, & Roll Call/Introductions - Mohsin Siddique, DC Water, WRTC Chair**  
(11:00 - 11:05 a.m.)
- II. **USGS Potomac River Water Quality Data - Karl Berger, COG**  
(11:05 - 11:30 a.m.)

*Based on new water quality data for the Potomac River released recently by the U. S. Geological Survey (presented to the WRTC at its November 8, 2012 meeting), COG staff has prepared a summary of Potomac water quality trends to be presented to elected officials at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> CBPC meeting.*

Mr. Berger will review the draft CBPC presentation, noting preliminary findings and recommendations for follow-up actions, including new work to be done by the Occoquan Watershed Modeling Laboratory.

**Feedback:** WRTC members will be asked to provide their input on the preliminary findings and recommended actions.

- III. **Nutrient & Sediment Trading and Offsets - Heidi Bonnaffon, COG**  
(11:30 - 11:45 p.m.)

*The application and use of trades and offset will likely be more important to the COG region in helping to achieve/maintain load caps under the Bay TMDLs given the expected future growth in the region. COG staff continues to track these issues and identify opportunities to provide regional input based on CBPC and COG regional policy guidance.*

Ms. Bonnaffon will review proposed revisions to the CBPC's policy guidelines, in particular new text that specifically addresses the concept and application of 'offsets'. She will also provide updates on other activities that COG staff is monitoring.

**Action:** WRTC will be asked to agree on policy guideline revisions to recommend to the CBPC at their March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**IV. General Updates & Events- COG Staff**  
(11:45 - 11:55 p.m.)

In addition to highlighting the items below, COG staff will respond to any questions regarding the items in the enclosed updates document.

**1. RWQM Subcommittee Meeting - Christine Howard (COG)**

Ms. Howard will answer questions about the proposed agenda topics and issues that the RWQM Subcommittee expects to be addressing.

Proposed Agenda Topics - Meeting Date (proposed for 3<sup>rd</sup> week in April)

- Elect chair
- Review EPA Toxics report & identify priority toxic issues for region
- Review Occoquan Laboratory's Potomac River data & findings
- Preparations for the Algal Bloom season

**V. Around the Room - WRTC Members & COG Staff**  
(11:55 - 12:00 p.m.)

WRTC members and COG staff will be asked to share any issues or events that would be of interest/concern to the region.

**VI. Adjourn**  
(12:00 p.m.)

**Upcoming WRTC & CBPC Meetings & Events (see 2013 Calendar of Meetings)**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> - CBPC Meeting (Room 1, 10 am - 12:30 pm)**

**Proposed Agenda Topics**

- Trash & Stormwater - District presentation, plus Montgomery & Prince George's updates
- Potomac Water Quality - Updates on recent trends, confirm next steps
- CBPC Nutrient Trading/Offsets Policy - Review proposed revisions to CBPC policy document
- COG Region Stormwater - Updates on permits/fees
- Infrastructure Event - Plans & schedule

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> - WRTC Meeting (Rooms 4 & 5, 10 am - 12:30 pm)**