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Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Date: July 30, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon*
Place: Room 1, Lobby Level
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

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

Meeting Agenda

- 10:00 1. Introductions and AnnouncementsHon. Cathy Drzyzgula, Chair
City of Gaithersburg
10:05 2. Approval of Meeting Summary for May 21, 2010Chair Drzyzgula
Recommended action: Approve DRAFT Meeting Summary (Att. 2).
10:10 3. Role of Federal Facilities in Bay RestorationJames Edward, Director
EPA Chesapeake Bay
Program Office

Mr. Edward, who was recently appointed to succeed Jeff Lape as head of EPA's Bay Program Office, will discuss how the federal government will lead the Bay restoration effort "by example" - as detailed under the president's Executive Order and the recently released guidance document for federal lands (Att. 3). In particular, he will note plans for working with other federal agencies that own land in the watershed and how stormwater restoration efforts by these agencies can be coordinated with those of local governments in the region.

Recommended Action: Provide Mr. Edward with feedback on local governments' interaction with federal agencies.

- 10:40 4. Update on TMDL Schedule, WIP DevelopmentTanya Spano, COG staff

Ms. Spano will brief members on the current schedule for developing the Bay-wide series of TMDLs and their accompanying watershed implementation plans (WIPs) by Dec. 31, 2010. She will note the status of the information needed to set the TMDL's pollution limits, discuss issues of significance to COG's member governments and summarize concerns raised by COG's Water Resources Technical Committee (WRTC) about the process. Ms. Spano will discuss a draft letter (Att. 4) highlighting these concerns. She also will suggest several options for how the committee can develop and issue formal comments on the TMDL.

Recommended Action: Approve letter to EPA discussing region's concerns with the TMDL development process. Adjust the committee's meeting schedule for the balance of 2010 so as to provide comment in accordance with the announced schedule.

11:10 5. **Update on Federal Legislation**..... Karl Berger, COG staff

- S. 1816, Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Recovery Act
- H.R. 5509 and S. 3481.

Mr. Berger will update the committee on changes (*Att. 5a*) that have been made to S. 1816, the Bay restoration bill introduced by Maryland Sen. Ben Cardin. He also will briefly summarize two other recently introduced federal bills (*Att. 5b*) that address Bay issues and, per the WRTC's recommendation, recommend support for S. 3481

Recommended Action: Provide comment in support of S. 3481.

11:25 6. **Discussion of Localized Permit, TMDL Developments** COG staff, selected members

A number of recent localized developments, including the issuance of a new MS4 permit in Montgomery County, the issuance of a draft MS4 permit for the District of Columbia and the issuance of a draft "flow-based" TMDL for Accotink Creek in Fairfax County, appear to be setting precedents for a stricter regulatory approach to meeting water quality goals. After an introduction by COG staff, selected committee members will discuss the implications of these developments for COG's member governments.

11:45 7. **General Updates**..... COG staff

Community Engagement Campaign

HUD Sustainable Communities Grant (*see Att. 7a and 7b*)

11:55 8. **New Business** Members

12:00 9. **Adjourn**

(The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 17, 2010, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.)

Enclosures/Handouts:

- Item 2 DRAFT meeting summary of May 21, 2010
- Item 3 link to "Guidance for Federal Land Management in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, <http://www.epa.gov/nps/chesbay502/>
- Item 4 DRAFT letter to EPA Region III Water Director Jon Capacasa
- Item 5a COG staff summary of S. 1816 mark-up version
- Item 5b COG staff summary of federal legislation
- Item 7a COG Board Resolution R41-10
- Item 7b Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant summary

Additional materials:

Text of S. 3481
Text of S. 3602