

## WATER RESOURCES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (WRTC) MEETING

Friday, September 6, 2013  
(10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)  
COG, Rooms #4 & 5, First Floor

### Webinar Information

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### AGENDA

- I. Welcome, & Roll Call/Introductions - *Jason Papacosma, Arlington, WRTC Vice Chair*  
(10:00 - 10:10 a.m.)
- II. Water Resources Infrastructure Issues  
(10:10 - 11:00 a.m.)

A. Regional Wastewater Capacity Outlook & Framing the Message- *Tanya Spano and Mukhtar Ibrahim, COG*

*[Note: WRTC wastewater work group members reviewed preliminary figures on August 8<sup>th</sup>.]*

Ms. Spano and Mr. Ibrahim will present demographic trends and updated regional wastewater projections for the COG region, and summarize how those projections compare to plant capacity over the next 27-year regional planning horizon. Ms. Spano will also summarize efforts to evaluate flow versus load capacity trends and constraints - on a national & regional level; and note how this work is linked to COG's Region Forward and Economy Forward initiatives.

**Feedback:** Identify any additional issues that COG staff should address in these evaluations, and provide recommendations about conveying these findings to the CBPC and others.

**B. Water Resources Infrastructure Event - Update - *Tanya Spano, COG***

Ms. Spano will summarize the purpose/scope and timing of the event and report on other event planning efforts with the Water Environment Federation (WEF).

**Feedback:** Identify any potential date conflicts or additional issues to consider while this event is being organized.

**III. Chesapeake Bay Program Updates & Regional Water Quality Issues  
(11:00 - 12:00 p.m.)**

**A. Commenting on the 'New' Chesapeake Bay Agreement - *Heidi Bonnaffon***

*[CBP issued abridged version of new agreement (7/9/13); COG staff drafted initial comments & background for CBPC review (7/17/13); and CBPC comments were sent to the EPA/CBP (7/30/13)]*

Ms. Bonnaffon will brief the members on the Chesapeake Bay Program's plans to issue a new voluntary Bay agreement and review initial COG comments. COG's Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC) provided preliminary comments in July and plans to provide more detailed comments during a fall comment period.

**Feedback:** Review comments and provide input on next COG comments.

**B. Bay Program Water Quality Monitoring Developments - *Karl Berger***

The Bay Program is cutting back its non-tidal water quality monitoring network in response to budget pressures. Mr. Berger will review the current status of the network and its tidal monitoring counterpart - and potential implications for the COG region. He will also discuss COG staff plans to partner with the U. S. Geological Survey on a fall 2013 workshop to explore the role of monitoring in Bay TMDL accounting and how local governments can work with the Bay Program to shape the future of monitoring efforts.

**Feedback:** Provide input on workshop plans.

**C. COG & National Dialogues with EPA & States - *Karl Berger***

Mr. Berger will brief the committee on the CBPC's ongoing dialogue with EPA and the Bay states on water quality regulatory issues, noting the committee's Water Quality Forum on May 17<sup>th</sup>; note members' participation in a national discussion on affordability and flexibility in water quality permitting; and highlight a proposed initiative by other parties to advance Clean Water Act amendment legislation.

**Feedback:** Receive briefing and note any issues to raise with the CBPC.

**IV. General Updates & Events - COG Staff**  
(12:00 - 12:20 p.m.)

COG staff will respond to any questions regarding the items in the General Updates & Events document.

**V. Around the Room - WRTC Members & COG Staff**  
(12:20 - 12:30 p.m.)

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

**VI. Adjourn/Lunch**  
(12:30 p.m.)

**Upcoming WRTC & CBPC Meetings & Events**

Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> - CBPC Meeting (Board Room, 10 am - 12:00 pm)

October (date/time TBD) - "Bay Water Quality Monitoring Program" - COG Workshop

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> - WRTC Meeting (Rooms 4 & 5, 10 am - 12:30 pm)

Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> - CBPC Meeting (Board Room, 10 am - 12:00 pm)

Mid-November/Early December (date/time TBD) - "Water Resources Infrastructure" Event