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Memorandum

Date: May 6, 2009

To: Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee Members

From: Elaine Shaeffer
Water Resources Technical Committee Chair

Re: FY 2010 Regional Water Fund Work Program and Budget

As Chair of COG's Water Resources Technical Committee (WRTC), I officially endorse the proposed FY 2010 Work Program and Budget (WP&B) for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Regional Water Fund. The WRTC reviewed the WP&B at its meeting on May 6, 2009 and recommended its approval by the CBPC.

COG's Water Resources staff continue to effectively disseminate and coordinate the complex Chesapeake Bay regulatory information for jurisdictions in the greater metropolitan Washington, D.C., area. Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia jurisdictional representatives from both wastewater and stormwater sectors regularly attend WRTC meetings, workshops and other information sessions and provide valuable feedback to the program development process. The Bay Program partners' development of the Bay TMDL and associated load allocations will be of particular importance in FY 2010.

Among other things, COG continues to hold timely and informative workshops and worksessions of direct relevance to COG's members. In FY 2010, we look forward to participation in workshops related to climate change and future water quality issues. These types of events increase awareness and create higher expectations for jurisdictions to accept new ideas and provide an opportunity to develop a strong voice for local governments. Distribution of information is also a key element of the program. It helps members convey consistent and reliable technical and policy considerations for use in the local decision-making process.

It is particularly noteworthy that this is a "hold the line" budget for the water resources program relative to FY 2009.

Please contact me if the committee needs to answer any specific questions, or can be of further assistance in this matter.

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