WATER RESOURCES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (WRTC) BUSINESS MEETING & STORMWATER WORK SESSION

Thursday, November 12 2009 (10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.)

Meeting Room #1, Lobby Level

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments 777 North Capitol Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20002

Lunch will be provided at 12:00 noon

BUSINESS MEETING - AGENDA

- **I.** Welcome Elaine Schaeffer, Chair (10:00 10:05 a.m.)
- **II.** Chesapeake Bay & Related Developments Tanya Spano & Karl Berger, COG staff (10:05 11:00 a.m.)

Ms. Spano and Mr. Berger will provide an overview of various documents, reports, initiatives, and legislation related to the Chesapeake Bay Programs' proposed Bay TMDLs, load allocations, and Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) that have been recently issued. These items have only recently been released (*see WRTC Web site*) and COG staff reviews are preliminary in nature - but do identify issues that are of likely interest and/or concern to COG's members. This overview will include discussions on:

- A. Chesapeake Bay Program's Current WIP & TMDL Plans & Schedule
- B. EPA's Preliminary Basinwide Target Loads for Nitrogen & Phosphorus
- C. EPA's Expectations Guidance for WIPs
- **D.** TMDL Public Meetings
- E. Federal Chesapeake Bay Restoration Strategy Draft 202 Reports
- F. Chuck Fox (EPA) Briefing to CBPC (Nov. 20th) Comments & Questions
- G. Legislative Initiatives CWA (Senator Cardin's draft bill S. 1816)

Feedback: The WRTC will be asked to:

- a) Note any additional technical concerns or questions that that COG staff should address;
- b) Note any policy implications to bring to the attention of the CBPC at their November 20th meeting;
- c) Identify any members that would be willing to work with COG staff to assist with reviews and development of draft policy positions (especially stormwater members); and
- d) Indicate whether there is interest in organizing another technical/policy meeting with CBPO, EPA, and state staff to address these issues with COG's members.
- **III. Potomac Nutrient (Nitrogen & Phosphorus) Loads** *Steve Bieber, COG staff* (11:00 -11:30 a.m.)

As an update to the WRTC's October 9th Special Work Session on nutrient loads, Mr. Bieber will review newly released '2008 Progress' data, including some county-level examples, and will discuss any remaining anomalies and technical issues that COG staff plan to investigate. *Note: The CBPO is not expected to issue loading data by 303(d) Impaired Water Segments information (i.e., for the 92 TMDLs) until the end of November.*

Feedback: WRTC members will be asked to identify any additional information or analysis they would like COG staff to provide or address.

IV. General Updates & Around the Room - COG staff & WRTC Members (11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

COG staff will provide brief updates regarding the following issues; and the WRTC members will be asked to identify any issues or activities of potential interest to the other members.

A. COG's Greater Washington 2050 – Draft Report for Public Review & Comment – Ms. Spano http://www.greaterwashington2050.org/

This report includes proposed Goals and Targets for various environmental parameters including: reductions in greenhouse gases, (pg. 27), improvements in all sentinel watersheds (pg. 29), achieving the CBP Water Quality Goals (pg. 30), and additional proposed indicators (e.g., percentage of wastewater treatment capacity remaining) (pg. 33). Comments are due by November 30, 2009.

- B. COG's Community Engagement Campaign Mr. Bieber
- C. Potomac Conservancy's 2009 Report (focusing on EDCs) Mr. Bieber www.potomac.org
- **D.** MDE Potomac Data Solicitation Request to Support TMDL Development Mr. Bieber MDE is soliciting data and information related to nutrient, sediment, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), heptachlor epoxide, and debris/floatables/trash impairments in the Potomac River and its tributaries to support development of various water quality TMDLs.
- E. COG's National Capital Farms Web Site Mr. Graham
- F. Other COG Staff Or WRTC Member Items
- **V. Adjourn Business Meeting -** *Elaine Schaeffer, Chair* (12:00 p.m.)
- VI. Lunch (12:00 12:30 p.m.)

Note: There will NOT be a Wastewater Work Session today - as proposed updates on the CBP's Wastewater Treatment Work Group items won't be available until after that meeting is held. It has been rescheduled to November 18th.

Stormwater Work Session 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Meeting Room #1, Lobby Level

Agenda Items

- **A.** Review of Stormwater Management Section in COG's 2010 Legislative Priorities Mr. Berger Highlights of COG Board legislative priorities including funding for stormwater.
- B. COG Staff Efforts to Develop Local Stormwater Retrofit Data (Cost & Extent) Mr. Berger
- C. Highlights of COG's November 5, 2009 Roads and Highways Symposium Mr. Graham

FUTURE MEETINGS / KEY EVENTS

Upcoming EPA Public Meetings on Chesapeake Bay TMDL in COG Region:

 November 16th 	Washington, D.C. (at COG)	10:00 a.m 12:30 p.m.
December 8th	Baltimore, Md. (at MDE)	2:30 p.m 4:30 p.m.
 December 14th 	Falls Church, Va. (FC H.S.)	6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.
December 17th	Fredericksburg, Va. (Wingate Inn)	6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.

For the specific location of a meeting in your area, visit:

http://www.epa.gov/reg3wapd/tmdl/ChesapeakeBay/CalendarOfEvents 2009.html?tab2=5

November 20th – Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC) Meeting

- Chuck Fox (EPA) Presentation on "Local Governments' Role in the Bay Program"
- Updates on Senator Cardin's Draft "Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act of 2009" legislation (S.1816)
- Presentation on COG Legislative Policy Platform & Highlights of Potential Chesapeake Bay Legislation in Maryland and Virginia
- Updates on Draft 203 federal reports on Chesapeake Bay Restoration Strategy / Development of Formal COG Comments
- Review / Develop Comments on GW2050 report

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December 11th - COG's Regional Monitoring Subcommittee (RMS) Meeting/Webinar

Dr. Loren Oki from UC Davis will talk about his research on pollutants in runoff from residential sources and Dr. Lehman from University of Michigan will discuss reduced phosphorus levels following implementation of a lawn fertilizer ordinance.

The RMS also expects to discuss proposed changes in the CBP's proposed monitoring program and note any potential implications or opportunities to COG's WRTC members.

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January 11th – WRTC Meeting

January 15th – CBPC Meeting

TBD – Greenhouse Gas Wastewater Inventory Workshop (to be rescheduled from Nov. 13, 2009)