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Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Date: March 18, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon*
Place: Third Floor Board Room
 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 Announcements**Hon. Barbara Favola, Chair
 Arlington County
- New leadership for COG's Water Resources Program
 - Chesapeake Bay Trust survey results (*Att. 1*)
 - Request for Maryland member participation in proposed APA webinar regarding Bay
- 10:05 2. **Approval of Meeting Summary for Jan. 21, 2011**.....Chair Favola
- Recommended action:** Approve DRAFT Meeting Summary (*Att. 2*).
- 10:10 3. **Survey - Member Interest in Addressing Specific Topics**...Chair Favola
- Chair Favola will discuss plans to proactively involve more members in the development of the committee's policy positions on various topics of interest. An initial list of topics for consideration has been suggested by staff (*Att. 3*).
- Recommended Action:** Finalize list of topic areas on which to solicit member participation.
- 10:20 4. **Status of Bay TMDL & Development of Phase 2 WIP**.....Tanya Spano, Chief
 Regional Water Quality Management
- Ms. Spano will note the current EPA timetable for finalizing Phase 2 Watershed Implementation plans under the Bay TMDL (*Att. 4*), and note concerns raised at the Bay Program's recent Principals' Staff Committee meeting. (This sets the stage for items 5 and 6.)
- 10:25 5. **Agriculture's Perspective on Bay Restoration**Tom Hebert, Agricultural
 Nutrients Policy Council

**Adjunct member*

Mr. Hebert, who serves as Senior Advisor to the Agricultural Nutrients Policy Council, a group that represents agriculture in debates over federal water quality issues, will address how farmers and other agricultural interests view the Bay TMDL and discuss ideas for maximizing progress toward restoration goals.

- 10:55 6. **Report on Local Progress with Watershed Implementation Planning and “Next Generation” Stormwater Permits** Meo Curtis, Montgomery County DEP
Kate Bennett, Fairfax County DPW

Ms. Curtis and Ms. Bennett will each summarize the current status of Phase 2 WIP planning and of responding to revised stormwater permits in their respective jurisdictions. Ms. Spano will report on feedback from other members of COG’s Water Resources Technical Committee.

Recommended Action: Send letter to EPA recommending adjustments to the current schedule to help address local implementation needs.

- 11:25 7. **Federal Budget Developments re Bay Restoration** Chair Favola and COG staff

Chair Favola will note ongoing efforts to reduce federal spending, specifically EPA’s budget for Bay Program work, from various policy initiatives in Congress (*Att. 7a*). COG staff will review key federal budget developments affecting the Bay restoration effort, and note the recent CBPC letter sent in response to an effort to halt EPA spending on the TMDL (*Att. 7b*). Chair Favola will solicit input from members on a COG response to these federal budget issues. She will also propose development of a brochure to help convey the COG region’s local progress and efforts towards Bay restoration.

COG staff also will distribute a summary of state legislative developments in Maryland and Virginia (*Att. 7c*) and respond to any questions from members.

Recommended action: Send letter to Congress in support of continued federal funding for the Bay restoration effort - noting its importance to local implementation efforts.

- 11:45 8. **Collaborating with Other COG Policy Committees** Chair Favola

Chair Favola will note opportunities for the committee to work with COG’s Climate and Energy Environmental Policy Committee, the newly revised Region Forward Coalition, and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee on issues that have water resource implications and discuss potential joint meeting(s) with these committees during the year to address relevant cross-media/water resource issues.

Recommended action: Agree on approach for CBPC interaction with other relevant COG committees.

- 11:55 9. **New Business** Members

- 12:00 10. **Adjourn**

(The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2011, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.)

Enclosures/Handouts:

- Item 1 CBT press release: “Poll Shows Marylanders Want to Do More to Help the Chesapeake Bay”
- Item 2 DRAFT meeting summary of Jan. 21, 2011
- Item 3 COG staff list of topic areas for potential member interest
- Item 4 COG staff highlights of Bay TMDL, WIP schedule
- Item 7a COG staff summary of federal budget developments
- Item 7b CBPC letter of 2/16/2011 to Rep. Robert Goodlatte
- Item 7c COG staff summary of legislative developments in Maryland and Virginia