

WATER RESOURCES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (WRTC) MEETING

Thursday, January 10, 2013

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Rooms #4 & 5, First Floor

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AGENDA

- I. **Welcome, & Roll Call/Introductions - Mohsin Siddique (WRTC Chair)**
(10:00 - 10:10 a.m.)
- II. **EPA's Integrated Planning/Permitting: Past, Present and Future - Patrick Bradley, LimnoTech**
(10:10 - 11:15 a.m.)

This presentation is part of COG staff's ongoing efforts to invite speakers and provide timely information on topics and initiatives of importance to the region in addressing critical water resources issues.

Mr. Bradley will provide an overview of EPA guidance over time to address broader based planning and permitting options, focusing specifically on existing case studies across the country that have been working toward integrating programmatic requirements to achieve more effective/cost-effective/flexible options for meeting Clean Water Act requirements - under permit as well as enforcement scenarios.

Feedback: WRTC members will be asked to discuss the potential applicability of this guidance to the COG region, and whether a formal presentation by EPA Region III staff on these matters would be helpful.

III. Chesapeake Bay Program Updates - Karl Berger & Tanya Spano
(11:15 - 11:45 a.m.)

Mr. Berger and Ms. Spano will answer questions about several recent and upcoming Bay Program-related meetings and initiatives, and ask the members for input on several technical and policy issues that will be addressed (reference *Chesapeake Bay Program Developments* item) over the next few months.

Feedback: WRTC members will be asked to provide guidance to COG staff as they represent the COG region in these venues.

IV. Water Resources Infrastructure: How to Frame the Issues - Tanya Spano & staff
(11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)

Over the past few months there have been various COG-sponsored initiatives that have addressed water resource infrastructure issues, in addition to several ongoing local and national efforts. Infrastructure issues were discussed by a panel of experts (WSSC and DC Water's General Managers, & A. Rowley, Arlington County) at the November 16th CBPC meeting. The impacts of extreme events on water resource issues and infrastructure were also the focus of the Extreme Weather-Climate Events Workshop on December 17th (with presentations by NOAA, DC Water, WSSC, Fairfax County, WAD, as well as various local emergency management representatives).

http://www.mwcog.org/environment/water/water_workshops.asp In addition, COG's Climate, Energy, & Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) is working to finalize goals and targets for its 2013-2016 work plan - some of which have water resource implications - and which the WRTC/CBPC were asked to comment on.

Ms. Spano and staff will highlight key regional infrastructure issues and common themes that have been identified in all of these venues; and outline work that is ongoing/planned to help the region better characterize the challenges and opportunities facing the region's water resource infrastructure (e.g., a COG Board/elected officials webinar).

Feedback: WRTC members will be asked to identify what regional infrastructure information would be most useful for COG staff to gather; and to comment on the proposed events/work products.

V. Around the Room - WRTC Members & COG staff
(12:15 - 12:30 p.m.)

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

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

Upcoming WRTC & CBPC Meetings & Events (see 2013 Calendar of Meetings)

- **January 18th - CBPC Meeting** (Board Room, 10 am - 12:30 pm)
- **March 7th - WRTC Meeting** (Rooms #4 & 5, 10 am - 12:30 pm)