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Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Date: March 22, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon*
Place: Room 1 (lobby level)
 777 North Capitol Street, NE
 Washington, DC 20002

- .District of Columbia
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**Lunch will be available for committee members and alternates after the meeting.*

Meeting Agenda

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| 10:00 | 1. | Introductions and Announcements | Hon. Penny Gross, Chair
Fairfax County |
| 10:05 | 2. | Approval of Meeting Summary for Jan. 18, 2013 | Chair Gross |
| Recommended action: Approve DRAFT Meeting Summary (<i>Att. 2</i>). | | | |
| 10:10 | 3. | Presentation of USGS Potomac Water Quality Data... .. | Karl Berger, COG staff |
| <p>Mr. Berger will present highlights of the recent water quality trend data released by the U.S. Geological Survey (<i>Att. 3</i>), focusing in particular on the Potomac basin, and discuss both the good news and future issues concerning local government management actions. Mr. Berger also will present COG's plans for further work in the Potomac basin that will enhance the USGS work and have implications for future wastewater and stormwater management actions. Committee members will be asked to provide guidance on COG's Potomac water quality fact sheet and other outreach messages.</p> <p>Recommended action: Endorse COG staff recommendation for follow-up work by the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory on this issue.</p> | | | |
| 10:35 | 4. | Innovative Features of District's Stormwater Program | Jeffrey Seltzer,
Associate Director for
Stormwater Mgmnt., DDOE |
| <p>Mr. Seltzer of the District's Department of the Environment will brief members on several aspects of the new stormwater management program in the District of Columbia, including the proposed trading/offset component of the city's new stormwater regulations, progress on reducing trash and the performance to date of the city's plastic bag fee program and progress on meeting new permit requirements. Committee members will be asked to share aspects of their stormwater programs that could be discussed at future meetings.</p> <p>Recommended action: Receive briefing.</p> | | | |

11:10 5. **Regional Stormwater Update**.....Karl Berger, Heidi
Bonnaffon, COG staff

COG's 2012 Legislative Priority for Water Quality Protection (*Att. 5a*) has a significant stormwater component. Mr. Berger and Ms. Bonnaffon will brief the committee on recent stormwater developments in the region as they relate to the Water Quality Protection brief, including a snapshot of current stormwater tax/fee rates in place among COG's members (*Att. 5b*). The latter is an update to the stormwater tax/fee information originally presented in 2010. (This information will be used to update the existing COG Stormwater Factsheet and, along with updated wastewater cost information, used as part of COG's broader water resource infrastructure efforts - note Staff Updates item to follow.)

Recommended Action: Direct COG staff to seek presentation of the stormwater fee information to COG's CAO committee, as an update to a presentation on this same issue from April 2011.

11:25 6. **Discussion Statement on Nutrient Trading and Offsets**Ms. Bonnaffon

After a presentation in September 2012 and an initial discussion at the November 2012 CBPC meeting, COG staff has produced a set of potential policy points on the related issues of nutrient trading and offsets for new growth. Ms. Bonnaffon will present the proposed policy points (*Att. 6a*). Committee members will be asked to determine how these points fit within the policy framework established by COG's existing Principles for Regional Water Quality Policies and Programs (*Att. 6b*) and whether to seek COG Board endorsement.

Recommended Action: Review discussion statement; determine whether policy principles should be further developed for potential adoption by the COG Board

11:45 7. **Staff Updates**COG staff

- The May CBPC will be a session with EPA and state officials to address broad water quality issues, including efforts to meet the Bay TMDL - Karl Berger
- Plans for water infrastructure outreach and education - Tanya Spano
- Update regarding Blue Plains 2012 Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) - Tanya Spano

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

12:00 10. **Adjourn**

(The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 17, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.)

Enclosures/Handouts:

- Item 2 DRAFT meeting summary of Jan. 18, 2013
- Item 3 COG staff presentation on USGS data (to be supplied separately); for more in-depth information, see: <http://chesapeake.usgs.gov/sciencsummary-enhancedstatistical.html>
- Item 5a COG Board 2013 legislative priority for Water Quality Protection
- Item 5b COG staff Metropolitan Washington Region Stormwater Fee/Tax Comparison
- Item 6a Draft COG Discussion Statement on Nutrient Trading and Offsets
- Item 6b COG Board Resolution R20-09