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Date: September 19, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30*

Place: Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant
5000 Overlook Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20032

**Lunch will be available for committee members and alternates after the tour.*

MEETING & TOUR AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(10:00-10:05)

Hon. Penelope A. Gross, Chair
Fairfax County

2. APPROVAL OF JULY 18TH MEETING SUMMARY
(10:05-10:10)

Recommended action: Approve the draft business meeting summary (Ref. 2).

3. Highlights of *The National Economic and Labor Impacts of the Water Utility Sector Study*
(10:10-10:30)

George Hawkins, General Manager, DC Water
Karen Pallansch, President and CEO, Alexandria Renew Enterprises

Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Pallansch will brief the committee about the key findings of the *Water Works* Coalition's recently released study (conducted by the Water Research Foundation and Water Environment Research Foundation), which illustrates the importance of water infrastructure investments to the economy, economic growth, and jobs (Ref. 3). They will discuss how this work relates to the COG region and its members, and suggest ways for the CBPC and COG to leverage these national efforts to address regional water infrastructure needs.

Recommended action: Endorse COG staff's continued work with the Coalition to develop specific actions for the CBPC and COG Board's consideration.

4. STAFF UPDATES

(10:30-10:45)

A. Regional Infrastructure report to the COG Board - Steve Walz

Mr. Walz will link the national and regional water utility jobs initiatives, such as Water Works, to COG's overarching campaign for water infrastructure support and investment. The COG Board will be briefed in January about the status of the regions' infrastructure. The briefing will address drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

B. Potomac and Bay Water Quality Updates - Tanya Spano

Ms. Spano will note recent news articles concerning algal blooms and water quality concerns, and report on work COG staff has underway to address these issues.

C. General Updates and Upcoming Events

Additional news items can be found in the General Updates and Upcoming Events handout, also posted online (Ref. 4).

Recommended action: Receive briefings.

5. TOUR OF BLUE PLAINS ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

(10:45-12:30)

The tour will be by bus, and will highlight the extensive projects underway at the plant to address additional nitrogen reductions, the Clean Rivers projects, as well as the new biosolids digester and energy recovery facilities.

6. TOUR CONCLUDES - Lunch will be provided at Blue Plains after the tour.

(12:30)

The next CBPC meeting will be held at COG on **Friday, November 21, 2014, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

References/Handouts:

- Ref. 2 July 18th CBPC Business Meeting Summary (*Draft*)
- Ref. 3 Water Works Economics and Jobs Report Package
- Ref. 4 General Updates and Upcoming Events