



## Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

January 17, 2014 10:00 AM

### Virginia Budget & Legislative Items of Interest

#### Governor's Budget & Offered Amendments

- Amends FY14 Budget Bill- provides \$1.0 M for City of Alexandria CSO project in FY14
- Increase to \$2 M per year from \$1 M per year the GF for VA Land Conservation Fund.
- Water Quality Improvement Fund: Total deposit \$31.5 M
  - \$4 M Reserve Fund
  - \$6.6 M for grants to MS4s for stormwater projects (DEQ)
  - \$18.2 M to Natural Resource Commitment Fund for Ag BMPs (DCR)
  - \$1.6 M for technical asst. for BMP delivery by SWC Districts
  - \$800,000 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
  - \$250,000 Dept. of Forestry for water quality grants
  - \$100,000 nutrient management on golf courses
- Stormwater Local Assistance Fund: DEQ approved grants for 71 projects in 31 localities totaling \$22,937,158 (COG member localities received \$6,569,221); leaving \$12 M of the available \$35 M for 2014. Governor's budget has \$20 M in FY16 in VPBA bond funding for grants to local governments for projects to address stormwater management. *Budget amendment by Senator WATKINS to provide \$50 M in FY15 from moving \$20 M bond to FY15, counting the remaining \$12 M and adding \$18 M in additional bond funding.*
- Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin- restore dues funding, catch-up dues
- \$50,000 each year for planning for a State Park in Loudoun County
- \$500,000 for Urban Best Management Practices Cost Share Fund
- DEQ to review Stormwater Permit fee schedule

#### Stormwater

##### Delay Implementation by Local Government

HB 697- Poindexter, delays all to July 1, 2015

HB 1071-Fariss, delays all to July 1, 2015

HB 1117-Wright, delays all to July 1, 2015

SB 469-Smith, delays to July 1, 2014 if 11% or less in Bay watershed

SB 530-Hanger, delays all to July 1, 2015

##### Exemption from Required Local Program

HB 846-Lewis, for Towns of Chincoteague, Saxis and Tangier

HB 1173-Hodges, locality without MS4 can opt-out and have DEQ run program

##### Stormwater Utility Fees

SB 53-Stuart & Smith, reduces fee for places of worship

### Clarifies Appeals Process

HB 58-Hodges, localities can follow local appeals process

SB 425-Hanger, localities can follow local appeals process

### Single Family Residences

HB 261-Scott, eliminate post-const. WQ, common plan of dev., in lieu of plan, reciprocity BMPs

SB 423-Hanger, eliminate post-const. WQ, common plan of dev., in lieu of plan, recip. BMPs

HB 649-Ransone, agreement in lieu of plan for single-family home

HB 673-Poindexter, lower permit fee for 1-5 ac single-family home to same as less than 1 ac

HB 1170-Rush, exempts residences disturbing less than 3 acres (not in Bay Act area)

### **Disposable Bags Tax**

HB 117-Morrissey, statewide five cent paper & plastic bag tax

SB 320-Ebbin, PDC 8 (NVRC) localities by ordinance can tax paper & plastic bags

### **Recurrent Flooding** (*Friday 9:30 AM SJ3 & SJ34 in Senate Rules*)

HJ 16-Stolle, Joint subcommittee study, develop strategies and report November 1, 2015

SJ 3-Locke, Joint subcommittee study, develop strategies and report November 1, 2015

SJ 34-McWaters, Joint subcommittee study, develop strategies and report November 1, 2015

### **Oyster Grounds Condemnation**

HB 1092-Ransone, prohibits local condemnation of oyster grounds

SB 603-Stuart, prohibits local condemnation of privately leased oyster grounds

### **Land Preservation Tax Credit**

SB 568-Stuart & Smith, disallows tax credit if mineral rights retained by landowner

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