

**WATER RESOURCES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (WRTC) MEETING
Thursday, March 10, 2011**

**Business Meeting (10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
Rooms #4 & 5, First Floor**

**Working Lunch and Parallel
Wastewater & Stormwater Work Sessions (12:30 – 1:30 p.m.)**

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AGENDA

- I. Welcome & Introductions** – *Elaine Schaeffer, Chair*
(10:00 – 10:05 a.m.)
- II. COG's Water Resources Program – Changes in Organization & Looking Ahead** – *Tanya Spano, Chief, Regional Water Quality Management*
(10:05 – 10:15 a.m.)

Ms. Spano will provide a brief overview of the recent organizational changes to COG's Water Resources Program, note some key initiatives that staff intends to address going forward, and plans to get input from the WRTC members on water resource priorities.

- III. Chesapeake Bay: EPA's TMDLs & State WIPs** – *Tanya Spano & Karl Berger, COG staff*
(10:15 – 11:00 a.m.)

A. Bay TMDL Schedule Updates – *Tanya Spano, COG Staff*

Ms. Spano will highlight any changes to EPA's current schedule for further development of the Bay TMDL and state progress toward developing the Phase 2 WIPs.

B. Watershed Model Developments – *Karl Berger, COG staff*

Mr. Berger will review the new land use data from Version 5.3.2 of the Bay Program's Watershed Model.

Feedback: The WRTC will be asked to note any information needs they have about the TMDL/WIP schedules or the Watershed Model.

- IV. COG's "Smart Growth & Adaptation to Climate Change Initiative"** – *Maia Davis, COG staff*
(11:00 – 11:15 a.m.)

Ms. Davis will provide a very brief overview of this regional initiative, its overall objectives and schedule, and note how the water resource sector is expected to be involved in these discussions. *[Note: Additional information about this initiative will be provided at subsequent meetings and via e-mails.]*

Action: WRTC members will be asked to sign a list if they have an interest in participating more actively in the Water Sector portion of this regional effort.

V. Phase 2 WIP Development & MS-4 Permit Renewal Status – WRTC Members
(11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

The WRTC members will be asked to note the current status of their efforts to work with the states to develop local elements of the states' Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) - either under the Bay TMDL/WIP process or as required by their MS-4 permits, or through the use of other existing programs.

Action: The WRTC will be asked to report to the CBPC on whether local government staff has adequate time, funding, and staff resources to meet current TMDL/WIP deadlines.

VI. Federal Budget Initiatives Affecting the Bay – Karl Berger, COG staff
(12:00 - 12:15 p.m.)

Mr. Berger will review the latest federal budget developments that affect the Bay restoration effort and recent responses by the CBPC and other parties. [Note: Federal as well as recent state legislative developments will be summarized in status sheets.]

Feedback: The WRTC will be asked to share its views with the CBPC on which legislative items are of greatest concern to COG's members.

VII. Around the Room – WRTC Members & COG Staff
(12:15 – 12:30 p.m.)

The WRTC members are asked to identify any issues/activities of potential interest to other members. And, COG staff will address questions regarding the **General Updates/Upcoming Events**.

VIII. Adjourn Business Meeting
(12:30 p.m.)

IX. Working Lunch & Simultaneous Work Sessions
(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

WORK SESSIONS (12:30-1:30 p.m.)

I. Wastewater Work Session (Room #2)

- A. **Fat, Oil & Grease/Food and Related Energy Initiatives** – Discuss status of various regional initiatives and level of interest by COG's members
- B. **COG Region Potomac Water Quality & Wastewater Treatment Fact Sheet** – Review current version and provide input on proposed revisions and enhancement
- C. **CBP's Proposed Wastewater Workshop** – Discuss priorities and potential local case studies to include in the workshop being planned for the fall of 2011.
- D. **COG's Regional Wastewater Flow Forecast Model** – Update on efforts to incorporate latest regional Cooperative Forecast data and proposed planning assumptions.

II. Stormwater Work Session (Rooms #4/5)

- A. **Federal Stormwater Fee Legislation** - Presentation about impacts of the legislation.
- B. **COG Region Stormwater Fee/Tax** – Presentation scheduled to COG CAOs (April 6, 2011)
 - a. Review presentation for accuracy and provide any other input.
 - b. Collect information about how your stormwater management funds are utilized (pie chart of how funds are allocated to maintenance, retrofits, etc.).
 - c. Discuss future COG survey/research components: Retrofits; fee exemptions; redevelopment policies, etc.
- C. **COG's Potomac Water Quality Fact Sheet** – Plans to address stormwater (separate or expand existing fact sheet)