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Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Date: November 15, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon*
Place: Board Room
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

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

Meeting Agenda

- 10:00 1. Introductions and Announcements Hon. Penny Gross, Chair
Fairfax County
10:05 2. Approval of September 20th Meeting Summary..... Chair Gross

Recommended action: Approve DRAFT Meeting Summary (Att. 2)

- 10:10 3. Water Quantity: Planning for the Future and Droughts..... Cherie Shultz, Director for
CO-OP Operations, ICPRB
and Christine Howard, COG

Water quantity, as well as water quality, is a vital component to the region's water supply. Ms. Shultz will provide an overview of a recent report from the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) (Att. 3), which examines the projected water supply for the region to 2040, while accounting for climate change. Ms. Schultz also will discuss what actions the region's water utilities are doing to ensure adequate future water supply. Ms. Howard will provide an overview of COG's drought plan and reporting system, and current drought status.

Recommended action: Receive briefings; provide guidance to staff on communicating water supply issues to elected officials throughout the region.

- 10:50 4. Trading, Offsets, and Accounting for Growth..... Leslie Knapp, Counsel,
MACO;
Norm Goulet, Senior Planner,
NVRC

Mr. Knapp, of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO), will provide a local government perspective on Maryland's plans to account for growth under the dictates of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. MACO was represented on the state's Accounting for Growth work group, which put together recommendations (Att.4) for Maryland's pending regulations on this issue. Mr. Goulet, of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), will outline plans for expanding Virginia's trading and offset program to include urban stormwater and its implications for MS4s.

Recommended action: Determine if COG policy affords a basis for comments on these issues.

11:30 5. **Legislative Updates**.....Lisa Ochsenhirt, Attorney, AquaLaw
Tanya Spano, COG

Ms. Ochsenhirt, whose firm provides policy and regulatory advice to area wastewater and stormwater officials, will provide a preview of water resources issues that will likely be appearing in Maryland's and Virginia's 2014 general assembly sessions.

Ms. Spano will ask the committee members to review COG's 2013 Legislative Priorities (Att. 5) and offer staff recommendations for 2014 water quality priorities, including potential collaboration with CEEPC's priorities.

Recommended action: Provide staff guidance on which legislative issues are of interest and may warrant COG comment. Provide recommendations on COG's 2014 Legislative Priorities.

11:50 6. **Staff Updates**

A. 2014 Meetings

The following are the proposed 2014 CBPC meeting dates (all are 3rd Fridays of the month),

January 17	July 18
March 21	September 19
May 16	November 21

Recommended action: Notify staff of any known conflicts with the proposed meeting schedule.

B. Chesapeake Bay Program Activities

Updates on the status and schedule for commenting on the new Bay Agreement. Staff will highlight COG plans for emphasizing local government and utility contributions as part of the Bay restoration 30 Year celebration efforts (Att. 6), and tell about a new CBP initiative to highlight the success of wastewater treatment plant efforts.

Recommended action: Recommend local activities that should be highlighted as part of these efforts.

C. Update on the Water Resources Infrastructure Workshop

Current plans are to hold the event this spring (March 2014).

11:55 7. **New Business**.....Members

12:00 8. **Adjourn**

(The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 17 2014, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.)

Enclosures/Handouts:

- Item 2 DRAFT meeting summary for Sept. 20, 2013, meeting
- Item 3 Factsheet of ICPRB's CO-OP report, 2010 Washington Metropolitan Area Water Supply Reliability Study, Part 2: Potential Impacts of Climate Change
- Item 4 Maryland's Accounting for Growth Work Group's Final Report
- Item 5 COG's 2013 Legislative Priorities
- Item 6 Press Release - Watershed Groups Deliver "30 Events for 30 Years" to Mark Three Decades of Chesapeake Bay Restoration