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## Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

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**Date:** January 16, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00\*  
**Place:** Board Room  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

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

### MEETING AGENDA

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:00-10:05)

**Hon. Penelope A. Gross, Outgoing Chair**  
**Fairfax County**

**Hon. Craig Rice, Incoming Chair**  
**Montgomery County**

*Transition of Chair, announcement of 2015 Vice Chairs and introduction of new committee members (Ref. 1, 2015 CBPC Roster).*

#### 2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS (10:05 – 10:15)

- A. Approval of draft November 2014 Meeting Summary
- B. Approval of 2015 CBPC meeting schedule

**Recommended Action:** Approve the draft meeting summary and schedule of CBPC meetings for 2015.

#### 3. NATIONAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES TRACKING (10:15-11:00)

The panelists will highlight priority legislative issues that align with the Legislative Priorities (Ref. 3) the CBPC recommended, and COG Board approved on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

##### **National Water Legislation**

- Tommy Holmes, American Water Works Association (AWWA)
- Steve Dye, Legislative Director, Water Environment Federation (WEF)
- Patricia Sinicropi, Senior Legislative Director, National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)

\*Adjunct member

### **Maryland and Virginia Legislation**

- Lisa M. Ochsenhirt, Attorney, AquaLaw
- Bevin Bucheister, Maryland Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission
- Les Knapp, Legal and Policy Counsel, MACO

The first panel of speakers will update Members on ongoing national efforts to advocate for funding and affordability, and report on potential climate/resiliency and stormwater initiatives. The second group will highlight State level Bills being proposed that could impact stormwater, wastewater, biosolids, and drinking water programs in the COG region.

**Recommended Actions:** a) Confirm sending letters of support for federal initiatives; and b) Note particular state bills that Members would like to have tracked.

### **4. THE CHANGING DYNAMICS OF THE CONOWINGO DAM & POSSIBLE EFFECTS FOR THE BAY RESTORATION**

(11:00-11:45)

#### **Bruce Michael**

**Director, Resource Assessment Service, Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

A number of recent studies have indicated that the capture of sediment by the series of three dams on the lower Susquehanna River has been changing as the volume of sediment behind the dams increases. At the same time, the Exelon Corporation has applied for a renewal of its federal license to generate electricity at the lowermost dam at Conowingo, Md. Mr. Michael will discuss the status of the dam relicensing efforts, the findings of the Lower Susquehanna River Watershed Assessment and how the dams' changing impacts could be addressed during the Chesapeake Bay Program's 2017 mid-point assessment process. Ref. 4 provides an overview of the Assessment and related findings.

**Recommended Action:** Determine if COG has an interest in how the Bay Program addresses this issue and, if so, direct the Water Resources Technical Committee to review these matters and formulate a policy recommendation as appropriate.

### **5. STAFF UPDATES**

(11:45-11:55)

#### **Steve Walz, DEP Director, and staff**

##### **A. General Updates and Schedule of Upcoming Events (Ref. 5).**

- COG Board Infrastructure Report
- COG's new Greenhouse Gas Multi-sector Working Group
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Status of the Bay Report.

##### **B. GWU's Seminar "Rotterdam - Washington: Adaptation, Resilience, & Mitigation." Mr. Walz and the Deputy Mayor and Director of Urban Planning from Rotterdam will be presenting (today at GWU, 3:00 - 5:00 pm).**

**Recommended action:** Receive briefings.

## **6. MEMBER UPDATES**

(11:55-12:00)

The next CBPC meeting is scheduled for **Friday, March 20, 2015, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

### **References/Handouts:**

- Ref. 1 Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee Roster of 2015 Members (handout)
- Ref 2 a. November 2014 CBPC Business Meeting Summary (*Draft*)
- Ref. 2 b. 2015 CBPC Meeting Schedule
- Ref. 3 COG's 2015 Legislative Priorities - Final (handout)
- Ref. 4 COG Issues Brief and Background Information on Conowingo Dam Study
- Ref. 5 a. General Updates and Upcoming Events
- Ref. 5 b. COG Board Regional Infrastructure Report – Final
- Ref. 5 c. COG's Greenhouse Gas Multi-sector Working Group draft resolution

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