
		CBPC Legislative & Regulatory Issues Tracking - 2017 (as of 3/10/17)		
Maryland				
Calendar of key dates:				
Jan. 11 – Session convenes Jan. 18 – Final date for Governor to introduce budget bill Feb. 3 – Senate bill introduction deadline		Feb. 10 – House bill introduction deadline Mar. 20 – Crossover		April 3 – Budget bill to be passed by both Chambers April 10 – Adjournment
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Drinking Water				
HB 270 (Lafferty)	Environment - Testing for Lead in Drinking Water - Public and Nonpublic Schools. Requiring MDE, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to adopt specified regulations, on or before October 1, 2017, to require periodic testing for the presence of lead in each drinking water outlet located in an occupied public or nonpublic school building; authorizing the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to provide a waiver from specified testing requirements under specified circumstances; etc.	Hearing 2/24 at 1:00.	MML says the bill doesn't include funding for aid or enforcement. CBPC will track. Not specific about testing protocol and reporting requirements.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=01&id=hb0270&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
Bay Restoration Fund				
SB 314 (President)	Substitute language: Clean Water Commerce Act of 2017. Authorizing funds in the Bay Restoration Fund to be used for the costs associated with the purchase of specified nutrient credits, not to exceed \$10,000,000 per year; and requiring the Department of the Environment to consult with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Natural Resources when developing specified regulations.	Senate-Third reading passed (46-0). House, hearing 3/22 at 1:00.	CBPC is tracking. In amended form, the Act would first fund all eligible wastewater projects, after which up to \$10 M of BRFs could go towards supporting stormwater projects, via a competitive process. Funding would sunset after 4 years. Regulations on how the funds would be awarded would be worked out via stakeholder consultation.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=sb0314&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS

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SB 343 (Eckardt)	Bay Restoration Fund-Eligible Costs-Expansion. Altering the definition of "eligible costs" as it relates to projects that receive funding from the Bay Restoration Fund to include any wastewater facility upgrade to enhanced nutrient removal, as determined by the Department of the Environment.	In the Senate – Favorable with Amendments Report by Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Third Reading Passed (46-0)	MML supports with amendments and better definition of "eligible costs." CBPC will track.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=SB0343&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
HB 384 (Adams)	Bay Restoration Fund-Eligible Costs-Expansion. Altering the definition of "eligible costs" as it relates to projects that receive funding from the Bay Restoration Fund to include any wastewater facility upgrade to enhanced nutrient removal, as determined by the Department of the Environment. Same as SB 343.	Hearing 2/15 at 1:00.	MML supports with amendments and better definition of "eligible costs." CBPC will track.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=03&id=hb0384&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
Wastewater/Septic				
SB 280 (Guzzone)	Non-woven wipes- labeling and advertising. Requires manufactures of non-woven personal care product wipes to either meet flushability standards as defined by an International Standard, or to label wipes sold in Maryland as "do not flush."	3/10- Senate 3rd reading passed (34-12). House hearing on companion bill is 3/15.	The bill has support from CBPC, CBC, NACWA and MDE Secretary Grumbles. MML supports. CBPC is tracking and sent letters of support to the senate and house on 2/23.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=sb0280&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
HB 281 (Lafferty)	Environment - On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems - Best Available Technology for Nitrogen Removal – Prohibition. Same as SB 266. Prohibiting a person from installing, or having installed, on property a person owns in the State in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, the Atlantic Coastal Bays watershed, or the watershed of a nitrogen-impaired body of water, an on-site sewage disposal system to service a newly constructed building, unless the on-site sewage disposal system utilizes specified nitrogen removal technology; and repealing specified obsolete provisions of law. Use of BRF money to assist homeowners with the cost differential between old and new technologies for septic.	Hearing 2/15 at 1:00.	CBPC will track. No CBPC position. MACo is opposing.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=hb0281&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
SB 266 (Conway)	Environment - On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems - Best Available Technology for Nitrogen Removal – Prohibition. Same as HB 281	Several Senate amendments to the bill. Amended bill laid over on 3/3 for Senate consideration.	No CBPC position. CBPC will track.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=03&id=sb0266&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS

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HB 320 (Montgomery Co. & Prince George's Co. Delegations) WSSC	WSSC - Polybutylene Connection Pipe Replacement Loan Program . Requiring WSSC to establish a Polybutylene Connection Pipe Replacement Loan Program to provide loans to residential customers to finance the replacement of malfunctioning polybutylene pipes on customer property located in the Commission's service territory that connect from service connections to customer residences; requiring the Program to provide for loan terms and conditions, including an interest rate that may not exceed the prime rate applicable on the day the loan is made; etc.	1/25/17 In House, first reading Environ & Transportation	No CBPC position. CBPC will track.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=03&id=HB0320&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
Sourcewater protection/Environment/Energy				
SB 186 (Kagan) Cross filled with HB 229 (Lierman)	Environment - Polystyrene Food Service Products and Polystyrene Loose Fill Packaging - Prohibition on Sale. Prohibiting a person from selling in the State specified expanded polystyrene food service products or expanded polystyrene loose fill packaging on or after January 1, 2018; prohibiting specified food service businesses from selling or providing food in specified expanded polystyrene food service products on or after January 1, 2018; authorizing a county health department to impose specified penalties for violations of the Act; requiring a county health department to notify the Department of specified violations; etc.	In the Senate - Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs). HB 229 hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m. (Environment and Transportation)	Some CBPC members are supporting. CBPC will track. MACo, nor MML, are taking positions.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=sb0186&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
SB 29 (Pinsky)	Forest Conservation Act - Exemption, Reforestation Rate, and Forest Conservation Fund - Alterations. Clarifying that units of local government with planning and zoning authority may adopt specified forest conservation thresholds and reforestation requirements that are more stringent than specified forest conservation thresholds and reforestation requirements in State law.	Senate – Third Reading Passed with Amendments (40-5) In the House – First Reading Environment and Transportation	CEEPC will track. MML opposes.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=sb0029&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
HB 599 (Healey)	Forest Conservation Act-Exemption, Reforestation Rate, and Forest Conservation Fund - Alterations. Altering the exemption from the application of the Forest Conservation Act for the cutting or clearing of public utility rights-of-way or land for specified electric generating stations; increasing the acreage that must be planted in order to meet the reforestation requirement under the Act; and authorizing a specified increase in the rate that is paid to the Forest Conservation Fund in lieu of meeting specified reforestation or afforestation requirements.	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00	CEEPC will track. MML opposes.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=03&id=hb0599&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS

SB 365 (Young)	Forest Conservation Act - Exemption, Reforestation Rate, and Forest Conservation Fund - Alterations. Altering the exemption from the application of the Forest Conservation Act for the cutting or clearing of public utility rights-of-way or land for specified electric generating stations; increasing the acreage that must be planted in order to meet the reforestation requirement under the Act; and authorizing a specified increase in the rate that is paid to the Forest Conservation Fund in lieu of meeting specified reforestation or afforestation requirements.	Hearing 2/7 at 1:00.	No CBPC position. CEEPC will track. MML opposes.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=01&id=sb0365&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
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Sourcewater protection/Environment/Energy				
SB 862 (Conway)	Environment - Hydraulic Fracturing - Moratorium and Referenda Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a permit for the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State until October 1, 2019, and only under specified circumstances; prohibiting a person from engaging in hydraulic fracturing in a local jurisdiction unless the local jurisdiction has submitted to a referendum of the voters of the local jurisdiction a specified question and a majority of the voters have voted in a specified manner; etc.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00	CBPC will track. MML is deciding whether to support as a moratorium or whether it should be a ban.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=sb0862&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
SB 740 (Zirkin, etc.)	Oil and Natural Gas-Drilling Prohibition -Prohibiting a person from engaging in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State; repealing a provision of law that requires the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; and repealing a provision of law that prohibits the Department from issuing a specified permit until October 1, 2017.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00	CBPC will track.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=sb0740&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS
HB 1325 (Fraser-Hidalgo, etc.)	Same as SB 740	3/10 House 3rd reading passed (97-40)	CBPC will track.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&tab=subject3&id=hb1325&stab=01&ys=2017RS
SB 99 (Middleton)/ HB 171	Yard Waste and Food Residuals Diversion and Infrastructure-Study. Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with specified persons, to study, review, explore, identify, and make recommendations regarding specified matters that relate to the diversion of yard waste from refuse disposal facilities, including specified infrastructure; requiring the Department to provide an interim report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2018, and to report its final findings and recommendations by July 1, 2019; etc.	House 3rd reading passed (134-0). Senate EHEA committee hearing on 3/3.	MML supports a study. CBPC will track.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=03&id=hb0171&tab=subject3&ys=2017RS


SB 174 (Manno)	Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act. Income Tax Credit - Clean Energy Production - Qualified Energy Resources (Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act). Altering the definition of "qualified energy resources" to mean wind, solar energy, or marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy that may be used to produce energy that qualifies for the clean energy production income tax credit.	Senate – Third Reading Passed with Amendments (40-5) In the House – First Reading Environment and Transportation	CBPC will track, but this is more of a CEEPC issue. CEEPC finds bill is limiting and not inclusive of biomass/waste to energy programs.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=sb0174&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&vs=2017RS
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Stormwater				
SB 440 (Conway and Salling)	Environment - Water Management - Sediment Control at Large Redevelopment Sites. Prohibiting a county or municipality from issuing a grading or building permit until the developer submits a grading and sediment control plan approved by the Department of the Environment if the property that is the subject of the permit is, or is included in, a large redevelopment site; requiring the Department to determine specified criteria for large redevelopment sites; providing that the Department is the approval authority for large redevelopment sites; and defining the term "large redevelopment site". (i.e., MDE taking the authority to approve E&S control plans for large redevelopment projects, one or more parcels greater than 100 acres).	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00.	No position by MML.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=03&id=SB0440&tab=subject3&vs=2017rs
SB 472 (Young)	Environment - Municipal Stormwater Charges - Property Subject to Charges. Adds language to ENV 4-204 to allow a municipality to charge a property in the muni owned by the state, a county, a college, or a school system charges to help fund stormwater management programs IF the muni has a dedicated SWM fund and it charges its own properties.	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00.	CBPC will track, but not take a position. MML strongly supports. MACo opposes. Rockville and Gaithersburg testified, as did MML and MACo.	http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=sb0472&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&vs=2017rs
Proposed FY18 Budget. On January 17, Governor Hogan presented his proposed FY18 spending plan.				
· \$60 million for the Bay Restoration Fund				
· \$51.3 million for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund				
· \$123.5 million in Water Quality Revolving Loan Funds				
· \$15 million for septic system upgrades				

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Virginia					
Calendar of key dates:		Jan. 11-Session convenes Jan. 20-Last day to introduce new legislation	Feb. 11-Crossover	Feb. 25 Adjournment April 5 Reconvened session	
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Combined Sewer Overflows					
SB 898 (Stuart)	Substitute language Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfalls; Potomac River Watershed. Directs DEQ to identify the owner of any combined sewer overflow outfall that discharges into the Potomac River Watershed and to determine what actions by the owner are necessary to bring the outfall into compliance with the Presumption Approach described in the CSO Control Policy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The bill requires any owner of such an outfall to bring it into compliance with the EPA policy by July 1, 2025, unless a higher level of control is necessary to comply with a TMDL. This bill incorporates SB 818.	02/17/17 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 Senate: House substitute rejected by Senate (1-Y 38-N 1-A) 02/22/17 House: House insisted on substitute 02/22/17 House: House requested conference committee 02/23/17 Senate: Senate acceded to request (39-Y 0-N 1-A)		https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+ful+SB898H1	
Stormwater					
HB 1597 (Webert)	Local stormwater management utility; waiver of charges; stormwater retained on site. Requires any locality establishing a stormwater management utility to waive charges for a person whose approved stormwater management plan indicates that the stormwater produced by his property is retained and treated on site. Revised: Partial waiver format vs. full waiver; no change from what localities already do.	02/21/17 House: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on 2/21/17 02/21/17 Governor: Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, March 27, 2017		https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bi&val=HB1597	
HB 1774 (Hodges)	Stormwater and erosion control; local rural development growth areas; best management practices bank. Directs the State Water Control Board to adopt regulations establishing a rural development growth (RDG) area program for adoption by certain localities. The bill requires each RDG area to follow a public road and requires development in an RDG area to obey certain existing regulatory minimum standards. The bill also directs the Board to adopt regulations allowing the operation of regional stormwater best management practices banks (RSP banks) in Planning District 18. An RSP bank would treat runoff from roadside drainage ditches in order to provide off-site credits to RDG areas. Revised: Converted to a study format.	02/21/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/24/17 House: Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1774ER)		https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bi&val=HB1774	

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HB 2370 (Head)	APA; reconsideration of an agency's final decision; intermediate relief; suspension of effective date of a regulation or agency decision. Provides if a petition for reconsideration is timely filed, the final decision shall be suspended and the time for filing a notice of appeal under Rule 2A:2 of the Rules of Supreme Court of Virginia shall be tolled. Under current law, the final decision is not suspended and the time for filing the notice is not tolled unless the agency provides for the suspension of its decision when it grants a petition for reconsideration. The bill also requires, when judicial review is instituted or is about to be, the agency concerned to postpone the effective date of the regulation or decision involved pending conclusion of the review proceedings. Original bill would allow 3rd party interference in permits, but significantly amended, to stay agency.	2/3/17 House: subc laid on table.		http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bi&val=hb2370
Budget Amendments	Add \$20M to Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF). There are three house amendments and a senate amendment all proposing budget amendments to add \$20 M in funding to SLAF in FY 18.	The Senate Finance and House Appropriations committees reported their State Budget Bills (HB 1500 and SB 900) on 2/5/17. Neither committee approved a budget amendment to add any new money for SLAF in the second year of the FY17-FY18 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018) biennial budget, so total for FY'17/FY'18 remains at \$20M. Decision was not for a lack of effort among a broad base of supporters, including other local government groups, environmental groups and business community.		http://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendments/2017/1/
Drinking water				
SB 1359 (McPike)	Substitute language. Local school boards; school buildings; potable water; lead testing. Requires each local school board to develop and implement a plan to test potable water from sources identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as high priority, giving priority in such testing plan to schools whose school building was constructed, in whole or in part, before 1986.	02/23/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (99-Y 1-N) 02/23/17 Senate: House amendment agreed to by Senate (38-Y 0-N)		http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bi&val=sb1359

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Wastewater				
HB 1619 (Bulova)	Watershed discharge permits; review of allocations. Directs the State Water Control Board to incorporate into the general permit procedures by which it will, every 10 years, (i) review load allocations to determine whether changes in the use of a facility have halted or reduced nutrient discharges and (ii) determine, prior to reissuing the general permit, the need for reallocations based on a variety of factors, including changes in treatment technologies and land use. Amends and reenacts § 62.1-44.19:14 of the Code of Virginia, relating to watershed general permit for nutrients.	02/13/17 Governor: Approved by Governor-Chapter 9 (effective 7/1/17)		https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=HB1619
HB 2311 (Cox)	Nutrient Offset Fund- Requires the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to use certain funds to purchase nutrient credits for point or nonpoint sources that achieve reductions beyond the requirements of state or federal law or the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan. The bill directs DEQ to establish procedures for distributing moneys from the Nutrient Offset Fund with certain requirements. This establishes such a fund, but does not put funding into it.	02/21/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 Senate: Reconsideration of Senate passage agreed to by Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/21/17 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)		https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=hb2311
HB 1740 (Minchew)	Sanitary districts; creation by board of supervisors. Transfers authority to create or enlarge sanitary districts from the circuit court with jurisdiction over the locality in which the district is located to the governing body of the county or city in which the district is located. The bill requires the governing body, at a hearing for the creation or enlargement of a sanitary district, to make a finding of fact of whether the action is necessary, practical, fiscally responsible, and supported by at least 50 percent of persons who own real property in (i) the proposed district or (ii) in the case of enlargement, the area proposed to be included in the existing district. The bill also requires a minimum standard regarding timeliness for hearings.	2/13/17 Passed and signed in Senate and House.		https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+ful+HB1740ER
Sourcewater Protection/Environment				
SB 1398 (Survell)	Coal combustion residuals unit; closure permit; assessments required. Prohibits the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) from issuing a draft permit for the closure of a coal combustion residuals unit (CCR unit) until he has reviewed an assessment of closure options prepared by the owner or operator of the CCR unit. The bill requires the owner or operator to identify water pollution and address corrective measures to resolve it, evaluate the clean closure of the CCR unit by recycling the ash for use in cement or moving it to a landfill, and demonstrate the long-term safety of the CCR unit and its ability to keep ash out of wetlands and other sensitive areas. The bill requires the owner or operator of each CCR unit to transmit the required assessments to DEQ and the Department of Conservation and Recreation and to identify a CCR unit that would be a suitable site for an ash processing facility. The Director of DEQ is required to receive comments on the assessments.	02/17/17 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (96-Y 1-N 2-A) 02/21/17 Senate: House substitute agreed to by Senate (37-Y 3-N) 02/21/17 Senate: Title replaced 17105506D-H1 02/24/17 Senate: Enrolled 02/24/17 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB1398ER)	CBPC will track.	https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+ful+SB1398ER

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HB 1679 (Robinson)	Well permit applications; disclosure of trade secrets. Authorizes the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (Department) to require disclosure of chemical ingredient names, chemical abstracts numbers, or the amount or concentration of chemicals or ingredients used to stimulate a well notwithstanding exclusion from mandatory disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as a trade secret. The bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (Director) to disclose such information to additional Department staff or state or local officials to assist the Department in responding to an emergency. The bill prohibits such individuals from disseminating such information further. The bill requires the Director to notify the party that submitted the trade secret of disclosure as soon as practicable. The bill prohibits orders issued pursuant to § 45.1-361.27 from including trade secret information.	2/7/2017-Pased in House (63-Y, 34-N). 02/16/17 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources (9-Y 0-N)		https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=HB1679
House Resolution 813/Senate Resolution 336	Commending the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on its 50th Anniversary.	1/26/17 House and Senate have agreed to resolution.		http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+ful+HJ813
Connections/rates & charges/liens				
HB 2358 (Ransone)	Water Utilities; suspension of proposed rate increases. Extends the maximum period that the State Corporation Commission is authorized to suspend the implementation of a proposed rate increase rates from 150 to 180 days. The measure applies only to certain investor-owned water utilities.	02/20/17 House: Signed by Speaker 02/21/17 Senate: Signed by President 02/21/17 House: Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor 02/21/17 Governor: Governor's Action Deadline Midnight, March 27, 2017		http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=171&typ=bil&val=hb2358
SB 1189 (Edwards)	Water and sewer services; liens; owners, lessees, or tenants. Provides that no lien can be placed on the property of an owner when a lessee or tenant has delinquent fees for water or sewer charges until the locality has made reasonable collection efforts and practices including (i) applying the security deposit to the payment of the outstanding balance and (ii) either filing for the Set-off Debt Collection Program or placing the account with a debt collection service. A lien against the lessee or tenant shall rank on a parity with a lien for unpaid taxes. When a locality does not require a security deposit from a lessee or tenant to obtain water and sewer services, the locality shall waive its lien rights against the property owner. Also authorizes the locality or authority to provide a partial credit where excessive water and sewer charges result from an intentional cause. A locality or authority cannot deny service to a new lessee or tenant when there are unpaid fees for services to a previous lessee or tenant unless a lien against the property owner is placed on the property	1/30 Passed Senate; 2/8 House referred to Courts sub: Civil Law.		http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?171+sum+SB1189 http://www.richmond.com/business/article_ff841948-c6e2-5760-b32c-a582c388edf6.html

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NATIONAL ISSUES			
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S. 612, Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act)	Allocated \$20 M for WIFIA program to issue loans. AWWA and others were hoping for \$35 M, but this was a good step.	Signed by President Obama in December.	http://waterfm.com/president-signs-wiin-act/
Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Funding Authorized	EPA has launched the WIFIA program with \$17 M available in loans to fund infrastructure projects. EPA estimates the loans can leverage \$1 B in revenue.	January 10, 2017 EPA launches WIFIA program.	www.epa.gov/wifia
National Water Policy Fly-in	WEF and NACWA members will lobby Congress for water program support and funding. Emphasis will be on State Revolving Fund and Tax-exempt Municipal Bonds.	March 21-22, 2017	http://www.wef.org/globalassets/assets-wef/3---resources/online-education/webcasts/partnered-and-public-service/presentation-handouts/presentation-handouts---national-water-policy-forum-fly-in-prep-webcast-3-7-17.pdf