

Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee

Date: Friday, September 17 2004

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon*

**Place: Third Floor Board Room
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002**

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

Meeting Agenda

10:00 1. **Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
and Remarks of New Chair** Hon. Vincent Orange
Chair, District of Columbia

10:10 2. **Approval of Meeting Summary
for July 14, 2004** Chair Orange

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

10:15 3. **Bay Program Perspective on Tributary Strategies** Rebecca Hanmer, Director
EPA Chesapeake Bay
Program Office

EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office coordinates the actions of the Bay Program partners as they translate their published tributary strategies into implementation plans for the next phase of the restoration effort. Ms. Hanmer has been asked to share EPA's perspective on progress in several key areas, including the Chesapeake Bay Blue Ribbon Funding Panel and efforts to integrate air and water quality improvement measures. She also will share EPA's response to a COG request for cooperation on a regional approach to tributary strategies.

Recommended action: Receive briefing

10:50 4. **Response to Proposed Urban Stormwater Targets** Cameron Wiegand
Montgomery County Dept.
of Environmental Protection

As part of its effort to produce an implementation plan for its tributary strategies, Maryland Department of Natural Resources officials have allocated how much nutrient reduction local jurisdictions would have to accomplish to meet an overall goal for Maryland's portion of the Potomac basin and proposed a set of targets for the implementation of various urban stormwater BMPs. Mr. Wiegand will provide Montgomery County's perspective on these targets.

Recommended action: Receive briefing.

- 11:10 5. **Review of the Chesapeake Bay Commission's BMP Cost Effectiveness Report** Pat Stuntz, MD Director
Chesapeake Bay Commission
- Steve Bieber, COG staff

At its May 21 meeting, the committee asked COG staff to prepare an analysis of the cost effectiveness and applicability of the various measures for further reduction of nutrients and sediment from nonpoint sources outlined in the tributary strategies, commonly known as "best management practices."

Recently, the Chesapeake Bay Commission has prepared a similar analysis. Ms. Stuntz, Maryland Director of the Commission, will present preliminary findings from its report. Steve Bieber will explain COG staff's next moves in regard to its report.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing; provide guidance to staff on direction of COG report

- 11:35 6. **WRTC Report: Permitting and Point Source Policy Developments; A Local Perspective on the Controversy over Bay Program Progress** Uwe Kirste, WRTC Chair
Prince William County DPW
- Steve Bieber, COG staff

Mr. Kirste will discuss the Water Resources Technical Committee's review of several recent developments advancing a regulatory program for achieving the Bay Program's water quality goals and provide the committee with several recommendations for comment or other actions.

Mr. Bieber will summarize recent concerns raised about the Bay Program's use of models to track progress and the various outside evaluations the issue has sparked, including a recent hearing of the House Government Affairs Committee in Virginia. He will present a draft fact sheet (*Att. 6*) prepared by COG staff with WRTC input that is designed to demonstrate the progress made to date by local governments in reducing nutrients from their wastewater plants.

Recommended Action: Respond to WRTC's recommendations; provide input on the draft fact sheet.

- 11:50 7. **Changes in Regional Water Fund Budget Process** Ted Graham, COG Water
Resources Program Director

Mr. Graham will note COG staff plans to involve the committee in the oversight of the Regional Water Fund work program and budget as a result of a decision to terminate the Environment and Public Works Directors Committee. Staff will note potential changes in membership and bylaws it is recommending as an aspect of the changes.

Recommended action: Approve plan to place the committee in oversight of the Regional Water Fund.

11:55 **8. New Business** Members

12:00 **9. Adjourn**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 19, 2004, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

(Remember: COG will reimburse members and alternates for Metro fares.)

Enclosures:

- Item 2 DRAFT Meeting Summary of July 14, 2004
- Item 6 DRAFT fact sheet on wastewater treatment plant achievements in the Washington metropolitan region