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Date: Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005
Time 12 noon - 1:45 p.m. \*
Place: Room 1 Lobby Level
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

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

Meeting Agenda

- 12:00 1. Introductions and Announcements.....Hon. John R. Lovell
Chair, Frederick County
12:05 2. Approval of Meeting Summary
for July 13, 2005.....Chair Lovell
Recommended action: Approve DRAFT Meeting Summary (Att. 2).
12:10 3. Vote on Proposed Bylaws Amendment .....Chair Lovell
Under Resolution R17-05, the COG Board directed the Bay Policy Committee to expand its membership to include water and wastewater utilities that contribute to the Regional Water Fund and directed the committee to review and approve the work program and budget for the Water Fund. At its July meeting, the committee reviewed and amended a staff proposal for bylaws changes and, in accordance with existing procedures for changing the bylaws, scheduled a full committee vote on the proposal for the September meeting. A written notice of this proposed action was sent separately to committee members on Sept. 6. (This notice is duplicated in the electronic distribution of the agenda package as Att. 3.)
Recommended Action: Approve bylaws amendment as provided in the written notice of Sept. 6, 2005.
12:35 4. Discussion of Potomac Trash Issues .....Ted Graham, COG
Dir. of Water Resources

In March 2005, six jurisdictions in the Potomac watershed, including four in the COG region, signed a "Trash Treaty" coordinated by the Alice Ferguson Foundation pledging to work toward a "Trash Free Potomac by 2013." In May 2005, the COG Board adopted Resolution R16-05 directing the committee to work with staff and its technical committee members to determine how coordinate with the Foundation's effort and to report these recommendations to the COG Board. Staff from COG and from several COG

members have been working with Foundation staff on a grant application (see *Att. 4* for an outline of proposed activities) and several other actions. Mr. Graham will provide an overview of this work, indicate opportunities for continued participation and seek input for presentation to the COG Board.

**Recommended Action:** Develop COG Board recommendations for COG participation in the foundation's trash initiative.

1:00 **5. Briefing on agricultural initiatives:**

- **Manure and Poultry Litter Strategy** .....Kelly Shenk, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program;  
Jenn Aiosa, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- **Federal Farm Policy Reform Project**.....COG staff

As a follow-up to the Frederick County Agricultural Forum and Tour the committee sponsored in June, staff was directed to identify further actions relating to agriculture that COG or its members could pursue. COG staff and invited speakers will discuss two potential initiatives:

- Bay Program staff has been developing a plan to enhance markets for animal manures to minimize the potential for the nutrients in the manure to be over-applied and to ease the financial burden of nutrient management regulations on livestock farmers. Ms. Shenk and Ms. Aiosa will brief the committee on the proposed strategy and discuss potential opportunities for local governments in executing the strategy.
- The Chesapeake Bay Commission has developed a set of proposals for modifying federal farm legislation to better attain the Bay Program's nutrient and sediment reduction goals 9 (see *Att. 5*). COG staff will discuss a potential future role for the committee in this process.

**Recommended action:** Receive briefing.

1:30 **6. Update on Bay Program Developments** .....COG staff

- Dissolved oxygen levels
- Federal funding for Bay Program initiatives
- Proposed federal legislation

COG staff will update the committee on several items of ongoing interest, including the status of water quality in the Bay this summer (*Att. 6.a*), proposed Bay funding levels under the federal FY 2006 budget (*Att. 6.b*) and a series of bills dealing with the Bay that have been introduced by Maryland Sen. Paul Sarbanes (*Att. 6.c*).

**Recommended action:** Receive briefing.

1:40 **7. New Business** .....Members

1:45 **8. Adjourn**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, 9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

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

Enclosures:

- Item 2 DRAFT Meeting Summary of July 13, 2005
- Item 3 John Lovell memo of Sept. 6, 2005 (electronic distribution only; distributed by mail Sept. 6)
- Item 4 Proposed activities under trash initiative grant submitted to Summit Fund of Washington
- Item 5 Excerpts from "Chesapeake Bay Federal Farm Policy Reform Project"
- Item 6a "Current forecast" for dissolved oxygen levels in Bay, Chesapeake Bay Program web page
- Item 6b COG staff summary of proposed federal appropriations for Bay restoration work
- Item 6c COG staff summary of proposed federal legislation