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Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Date: Jan. 20, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon*
Place: Room 1, Lobby Level
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
• Notice of schedule change for March (Att. 1)
10:05 2. Approval of Meeting Summary for Nov. 30, 2011..... Chair Gross
Recommended action: Approve DRAFT Meeting Summary (Att. 2).
10:10 3. State Legislative Initiatives..... Jay Sakai
MD Department of the
Environment
Jack Frye, Virginia
Director, Chesapeake Bay
Commission

Mr. Sakai, Director of MDE's Water Management Administration, will brief the committee on proposals by a Maryland state task force for increasing funds for Bay restoration efforts. The proposals, expected to be introduced in the Maryland General Assembly, would triple the current Bay Restoration fund fee per homeowner to provide more funds for wastewater nutrient reduction efforts and state assistance for local government stormwater costs.

Mr. Frye will brief the committee on expected legislative initiatives in the Virginia General Assembly, including efforts to provide more funds for the state's Water Quality Improvement Fund.

Recommended Action: Determine if there is a COG position on these proposed legislative initiatives consistent with the policy statement recently approved by the COG Board (Att. 3).

11:00 4. **Committee Focus for 2012**..... Chair Gross, members

In consultation with the Chair, COG staff has prepared recommended priorities for committee action in 2011 (*Att. 4*). Chair Gross will solicit input from members on these recommendations and other priorities in which members may be interested.

Recommended action: Establish a set of priorities for committee action in 2012.

11:25 5. **Status of Bay TMDL, State WIPs, 2012-13 milestones**..... Karl Berger, COG staff

Mr. Berger will brief members on the draft Phase II watershed implementation plans and 2012-13 milestones that the states have submitted to EPA (*Att. 5*). He also will address current expectations for local governments in the TMDL/WIP process and opportunities for official comment on state and EPA TMDL documents.

Recommended action: Direct staff, in concert with COG's Water Resources Technical Committee, to develop draft comments on the WIP/TMDL process for the March meeting of the committee.

11:45 6. **Staff Updates**..... COG staff

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

12:00 8. **Adjourn**

(The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 9, 2012, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.)

Enclosures/Handouts:

- Item 1 Proposed committee schedule for 2012
- Item 2 DRAFT meeting summary of Nov. 30, 2011
- Item 3 COG Board policy statement on Chesapeake Bay and Stormwater Management
- Item 4 DRAFT committee focus for 2012
- Item 5 Bay TMDL-WIPs schedule - COG staff document