

CHESAPEAKE BAY and WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2014 BUSINESS MEETING [DRAFT]

ATTENDANCE:

Members and alternates:

Alan Hew, City of College Park
Andrew Fellows, City of College Park
Bruce Williams, City of Takoma Park
Cathy Drzyzgula, City of Gaithersburg
Craig Rice, Vice Chair, Montgomery County
Hamid Karimi, Vice Chair, District of Columbia
Heather Gewandter, City of Rockville
J Davis, City of Greenbelt
JL Hearn, WSSC
Karen Pallansch, Alexandria Renew Enterprises
Libby Garvey, Arlington County
Maureen McGowen Holman, DC Water
Meo Curtis, Montgomery County
Robert Hoyt, Montgomery County
Shannon Moore, Frederick County

Heidi Bonnaffon, DEP
Tanya Spano, DEP
Steve Walz, DEP Director

Guests:

Bob Summers, MD DOE
James Dennis-Martin, VA DEQ
Jeff Corbin, EPA Region III
Nicholas DiPasquale, Chesapeake Bay Program Office

Craig Carinci, Fairfax County
Darold Burdick, Fairfax County
Fred Rose, Fairfax County
Glen Roundtree, Citizen
Jeffrey Feaga, Frederick County
Kathleen Boucher, Montgomery County
Norm Goulet, NVRC

COG Staff:

1. Introductions and Announcements

Chair Penelope A. Gross called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF CBPC MEETING SUMMARIES

The January, March, and May 2014 meeting summaries were approved.

3. WATER INFRASTRUCTURE - PROPOSED ACTIONS & NEXT STEPS

Mr. Walz provided highlights of the COG Board's interest in regional infrastructure and said that a written report about issues and gaps in the region's infrastructure across all sectors, including water, will be presented to the Board on November 12th. Ms. Spano highlighted six proposed deliverables resulting from the May 16th CBPC meeting and the water infrastructure presentations to the COG Board. They were included in the approved FY '15 RWQM Work Program & Budget.

The Committee approved water infrastructure action items related to the approved FY '15 work plan, including:

- Work with American Water Works Association (AWWA), Water Environment Federation (WEF), National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), and others to follow and communicate COG members support for federal actions to fund the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA); eliminate the tax exempt funding exclusion; and continue funding for State Revolving Funds (SRFs) under the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act.

- Staff, with CBPC, will follow the COG Board's initial examination of infrastructure with a regional Water Infrastructure Factsheet and regional water infrastructure messaging, a fall Board of Trade Stormwater workshop and a regional session about water infrastructure at the April 2015 Water Fly-In (put on by NACWA, WEF, and other national organizations).
- Per Chair Gross' request, staff will work to determine the Board of Trade Stormwater Workshop and the Water Infrastructure Summit dates quickly.

4. STAFF AND MEMBER UPDATES

Ms. Spano directed committee attention to the written General Updates and Upcoming Event. Ms. Drzyzgula commented that the written summary, which include links and staff contacts, are very helpful. COG staff will continue to provide these to the committee.

Ms. Pallansch was newly elected NACWA President. She mentioned that a NACWA Jobs Report, featuring several water utilities from the COG region, will be released around September 10, and events to celebrate water at regional utilities are being planned for Saturday, September 20.

Chair Gross noted that the EPA proposed Waters of the U.S. rule to clarify protection under the Clean Water Act for streams and wetlands was a topic of discussion at the National Association of Counties (NACO), and that water issues will continue to be of interest to NACO, given the shortages in the western United States. Ms. Davis said that Waters of the U.S. was also discussed by the National League of Cities.

5. ADJOURN

The business meeting adjourned at 10:30, followed immediately by the Bay and Local Water Quality Forum with EPA and the states.