Water resources technical committee (WRTC) meeting

**November 6, 2017**

**10:00 - 12:00 P.M.**

Rooms 4&5, 1st Floor

WEBINAR INFORMATION

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AGENDA

10:00 A.M. 1. CALL TO ORDER, Welcome, introductions, Announcements, & UPDATES (MM #1, 2, & 3a&b)

Mohsin Siddique WRTC Acting Chair

Mr. Siddique will open the meeting, confirm the agenda, note upcoming WRTC and associated meetings and events planned for 2017 and 2018, and open discussions by staff and members about issues and activities of interest to the membership.

* COG Staff Updates – Please refer to the Water Resources General Updates and the Chesapeake Bay Program Updates documents for additional information.
* Member Updates – Members are encouraged to share information about their programs and upcoming activities.

10:20 A.M. 2. Chesapeake Bay Program: Midpoint Assessment - updates (MM #4a&b)

Tanya Spano and Karl Berger, COG staff

Ms. Spano and Mr. Berger will address questions about the September WQGIT meeting and Midpoint Assessment decisions about: various technical tools, nutrient load allocations, Conowingo Dam updates, how growth is to be handled, and accounting for climate change impacts on the Bay. They will then outline the revised schedule for addressing remaining decisions, and note when the COG region can provide input.

Action: The WRTC members will be asked to identify any additional information needs and suggest any policy recommendations to present to the CBPC on November 17th.

10:50 A.M. 3. PLANNING FOR GROWTH - CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES (MM #5a-c)

Tanya Spano and other COG staff

*COG’s local governments/water utilities plan their programs and infrastructure projects many years in advance in order to meet future needs. Considering the current Bay TMDL deadline of 2025, various local TMDLs, and evolving permits; the issue of how best to address that future growth and still meet regulatory requirements and schedules is a subject of discussion within the CBP and the states, among COG’s local governments/water utilities, and in many COG forums – and addressed in COG’s Region Forward initiatives. Trading programs for nutrients/sediments is one potential option for addressing those needs.*

COG staff will provide a brief overview of current projections for the region, the status of current permitting and trading programs, and highlight other analysis that is helping to inform the CBPC about the challenges and opportunities for managing the region’s growth.

Action: The WRTC members will be asked to endorse or refine the key findings and proposed recommendations to be presented to the CBPC.

11:50 a.M. 4. WRTC General Business (MM #6)

Jason Papacosma, WRTC Chair

Chair Papacosma will lead the WRTC members in a discussion regarding updates to the WRTC roster, participation of non-COG member/associates in WRTC meetings, and selection of WRTC Vice Chair(s).

Action: The WRTC members will be asked to agree on guidelines regarding WRTC participation, and selection of WRTC Vice Chair(s).

12:00 p.m. 5. adjourn & LUNCH

**Upcoming Meetings/Events** (see MM #2 for additional details)

* CBPC Meeting – Friday, November 17th
* WRTC Meeting – Friday, January 12th

**Meeting Materials (MM)** [Updated]

1. WRTC Meeting Agenda
2. CBPC & WRTC Meeting Schedule – 2017 & 2018
3. General Updates:
   1. Chesapeake Bay
   2. Water Resources
4. CBP Bay TMDL Midpoint Assessment (MPA):
   1. PSC-Approved Revisions to Midpoint Assessment Schedule\_v10.3.17
5. Growth-Related Background Information
   1. COG Major WWTP - ENR Status and Flow Projections
   2. COG Region MS4 Permits – Status & Key Issues Summary
   3. Nutrient Trading – Status of Bay & State Programs

Handouts

1. CBP Bay TMDL Midpoint Assessment (MPA):
2. Summary of Key Decisions Regarding Issues of Importance to COG Region

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