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Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Date: Friday, Jan. 18, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon \*

Place: Third Floor Board Room
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. Martin Nohe
Chair, Prince William County
• Potomac Monitoring Forum
• 2008 schedule (Att. 1)
10:05 2. Approval of Meeting Summary for Nov. 30, 2007..... Chair Nohe
Recommended action: Approve DRAFT Meeting Summary (Att. 2).
10:10 3. Selection of Committee Vice Chairs for 2008 ..... Members
The CBPC bylaws call for the committee to select vice chairs from the state-level
jurisdictions not represented by the Chair, which, in 2008, are Maryland and the District of
Columbia.
Recommended Action: Approve CBPC Vice Chairs from Maryland and the District of Columbia.
10:15 4. Climate Change, Green Building and Water Quality ..... Ted Graham, COG
Water Resources Director

Mr. Graham will update members on key concerns from a national workshop on climate change sponsored by the research arms of the Water Environment Federation and the American Water Works Association. He also will note the water quality aspects of COG's "Green Building" initiative (Summary Report attached; for technical report, see: http://www.mwcog.org/uploads/pub-documents/ylhXWQ20071213085203.pdf) and discuss how these elements will be integrated into COG's FY 2009 Regional Water Fund work program. The green building initiative was recently cited by the Washington Post for its potential to aid water quality clean-up efforts in the region (Att. 4).

Recommended action: Provide guidance into development of linkages between COG's water quality programs and its green building and climate change initiatives.

10:40 5. **Committee Focus for 2008**..... Chair Nohe, members

COG staff has prepared a set of potential items (*Att. 5*) on which the committee could focus particular attention during the coming year, including both longstanding issues before the committee, such as nutrient use in urban regions, and potential new items, such as Bay reforestation policy. Chair Nohe will solicit input from members on these and other items of interest to individual members. COG staff also will identify any additional topics or priorities that the WRTC recommended.

**Recommended action:** Establish a set of priorities for committee action in 2007.

11:10 6. **Introduction to Water Quality Metrics**..... COG staff

COG is convening a Greater Washington 2050 Coalition to try to balance future growth and economic development with environmental, health, and other goals. As part of its work program (*Att. 6*), this coalition will develop a number of goals, measures of effectiveness and metrics that can be used to assess progress. COG staff will update members on some of the measuring sticks currently being used to assess water quality within the region and elsewhere.

11:25 7. **Response to Concerns about Local Government Role**..... Hon. Penelope Gross, Fairfax County

Mr. Graham, COG staff

COG has received a reply (*Att. 7*) from EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office Director Jeffrey Lape regarding its concerns about the role of local governments in a re-organized Bay Program, as expressed in an October 31, 2007, letter. Ms. Gross, who chairs the Bay Program's Local Government Advisory Committee, and Mr. Graham will review the response and the proposals for local government involvement

**Recommended action:** Provide guidance to Ms. Gross and Mr. Graham in their continuing work on the issue of local government voice in the Bay program.

11:40 8. **Legislative Update**..... COG staff

COG staff will update members on any proposed Bay-related legislation for the upcoming general assembly sessions in Virginia and Maryland.

**Recommended action:** Determine whether COG should take any action in regard to these proposals and, if so, approve such recommended action for consideration by the COG Board.

11:55 9. **New Business** ..... Members

12:00 10. **Adjourn**

*The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2008, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.*

Enclosures/Handouts:

- Item 1 Proposed CBPC 2008 meeting schedule
- Item 2 DRAFT meeting summary of Nov. 30, 2007
- Item 4 "Dirty Water," Washington Post editorial of Jan. 2, 2008  
"Greening the Metropolitan Washington Region's Built Environment," a summary report from the COG Intergovernmental Green Building Group
- Item 5 COG staff recommendations for committee priorities in 2008
- Item 6 Final Greater Washington 2050 Work Program
- Item 7 Letter from Jeffrey Lape to Chair Martin Nohe dated Dec. 17, 2007