**CBPC 2015 Meetings – Proposed Focus**

**July 17** - **Annual Water Quality Forum with EPA and the States**

**5th COG Water Quality Forum**

**Proposal:**

* Focus this year’s Forum on **Local Voice** and **Messaging**
* Ask some of our members to provide examples of the numerous ways that COG’s members are:
  + Addressing a wide range of environmental goals and obligations
  + While utilizing new and innovative ways of procuring, funding, building, and operating facilities/water infrastructure.
* Then use that positive baseline from which to raise ongoing/new issues and challenges.

**Rationale:**

* Start the Forum with factually-based, success stories from the COG region.
  + Build upon the CBPC’s Outreach efforts
  + Fits the interests of EPA Region III and the Chesapeake Bay Program outreach programs to communicate local success stories.

**Details:**

* Share “good news” and innovations from wastewater, stormwater & drinking water sectors.
* COG’s draft 2015 Regional Climate and Energy Progress Report
  + Example of a local success story: Alexandria Renew Enterprise’s “net zero” plans.
* Raise issues about”
  + MSIV permit issuance delays
  + Need for appropriate baselines
  + New CBP Management Strategies
  + CBP’s 2017 Mid-Point Evaluation - if/how Adaptive Management will be used
  + Concerns regarding costs/rate impacts - but within the context of the ongoing progress

**September 18th- Meeting and Tour at Alexandria Renew Enterprises**

* Business meeting will focus in part on COG’s Workforce initiatives
* Tour will highlight examples of energy/water nexus and technological innovations at Alexandria Renew wastewater plant

**Fall/Winter** (date TBD) - **Biannual Joint CBPC/CEEPC Meeting**

Topics could include: (initial list/conceptual only)

* Progress report about the Multi-sector Work Group’s Green House Gas Reductions
* Jobs/Workforce linkages
* Shared Climate Change issues
* Discuss focus for CEEPC’s 2016 Regional Climate and Energy Progress Report and water sector efforts