Key features of FY 2014 RWQM Work Program

**Overall Water Quality Goal & Key Drivers**

**Goal** – Continue to protect water quality & public health in a sustainable & affordable manner for the region.

**Drivers:**

* Permits and other regulatory requirements
* Chesapeake Bay restoration requirements
* Local water quality and restoration goals
* Other environmental objectives

**Challenges & Priorities**

COG’s local governments and water utilities will need to address the following challenges:

* Maintain existing/aging infrastructure
* Build/implement new technologies & systems
* Meet existing/new regulatory requirements, schedules & deadlines
* Address extreme weather/climate change impacts
* Respond to emerging issues & meet multiple environmental objectives
* Prepare to sustain efforts in face of continued growth and TMDL limitations
* Address overall fund needs in an affordable & sustainable manner
* Address work force issues

The priority associated with each of these challenges will of course vary, and will depend upon on the unique features & circumstances of each jurisdiction and water utility.

**Key Initiatives & Deliverables - STATUS**

* Input on the Bay Program’s current initiatives & proposed new Bay Agreement - **PENDING**
* Continued collaboration with US Conference of Mayors & others to advocate for affordable, feasible, sustainable & holistic solutions to address water quality issues - **ONGOING**
* A Potomac River water quality trends report/factsheet – **1st Factsheet DONE**
* Regional wastewater flow projections & implementation status report -**DONE**
* A regional water resource infrastructure forum (in collaboration with COG’s members & national organizations) to present challenges & opportunities – including regional infrastructure needs, costs, funding options, & work force issues – **BEING PLANNED (Spring 2014)** – Will supplement COG’s Regional Infrastructure/Region Forward efforts
* Outreach products (e.g., factsheets, webinars, & other mechanisms) to communicate the benefits & challenges of these water resource issues for COG’s members – **ONGOING**
  + **Joint meeting w/ CEEPC** – July 2013
  + **USCM/Affordability** – September 2013
  + **Water Supply/Quantity & Growth** – November 2013
  + **Legislation** – January 2014

**Proposed Key Topics/Presentations for Upcoming CBPC Meetings**

* Conowingo Dam & Bay TMDL/Water Quality Implications – March 2014
* DC Water’s Green Infrastructure Initiative - TBD
* Chesapeake Bay Program Forum – May
* Outreach Efforts (all water infrastructure) – July
* Stormwater Program Updates (regulatory & Prince George’s Co. P3 effort) – July (tentative)
* Local Water Quality (streams & links to Potomac/Bay) – TBD
* Potomac & Bay Water Quality Trends & Challenges (updates) – Fall 2014