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**Memorandum**

Date: May 13, 2010

To: Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee Members

From: Elaine Shaeffer  
Water Resources Technical Committee Chair

Re: FY 2011 Regional Water Fund Work Program and Budget

As Chair of COG's Water Resources Technical Committee (WRTC), I officially endorse the proposed FY 2011 Work Program and Budget (WP&B) for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Regional Water Fund. The WRTC reviewed the WP&B at its meeting on May 13, 2010 and recommended its approval by the CBPC.

COG's Water Resources staff continues to effectively disseminate and coordinate the complex Chesapeake Bay regulatory information for jurisdictions in the greater metropolitan Washington, D.C., area. Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia jurisdictional representatives from both wastewater and stormwater sectors regularly attend WRTC meetings, workshops and other information sessions and provide valuable feedback to the program development process. The Bay Program partners' development of the Bay TMDL, the associated load allocations and preparation of the Watershed Implementation Plans will be of particular importance in FY 2011.

Among other things, COG continues to hold timely and informative workshops and worksessions of direct relevance to COG's members. In FY 2011, we look forward to participation in a Potomac Water Quality Futures Forum in addition to workshops and worksessions related to TMDLs, WIPs and innovative stormwater management. These types of events increase awareness and create higher expectations for jurisdictions to accept new ideas and provide an opportunity to develop a strong voice for local governments.

Distribution of information is also a key element of the program. It helps members convey consistent and reliable technical and policy considerations for use in the local decision-making process.

It is particularly noteworthy that this is once again a "hold the line" budget for the water resources program relative to FY 2009 and FY 2010.

Please contact me if the committee needs to answer any specific questions, or can be of further assistance in this matter.

Cc: Ted Graham – Director, MWCOG Water Resources Program

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