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Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Date: Jan. 15, 2010
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 AnnouncementsHon. Cathy Drzyzgula, Chair
City of Gaithersburg
• 2010 committee schedule
• COG Board action on Committee Leadership for 2010
10:05 2. Approval of Meeting Summary for Nov. 20, 2009Chair Drzyzgula
Recommended action: Approve DRAFT Meeting Summary (Att. 2).
10:10 3. Panel Discussion on Federal Bay LegislationChair Drzyzgula
.....Joe Lerch, Virginia
Municipal League
Don Parrish, American
Farm Bureau Federation
Doug Siglin, CBF
Choose Clean Water Coaltn.

Maryland Sen. Ben Cardin has introduced legislation (Att. 3) that seeks to accelerate Bay restoration efforts in reauthorizing Section 117 of the Clean Water Act. The "Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act of 2009" would codify the current TMDL development process in federal statute and give EPA additional enforcement authority. Chair Drzyzgula will summarize previous COG comments on federal legislation and introduce the panelists, who will briefly note the views of their respective constituents on this proposed legislation and then engage in dialogue with committee members.

Recommended Action: Determine if there is any recommendation to make to the COG Board regarding policy on this legislation.

11:00 4. **Update on Bay TMDL, Other Developments** Steve Bieber, Tanya Spano
COG staff

Ms. Spano and Mr. Bieber of COG staff will update the committee on Bay Program progress in developing a series of Total Maximum Daily Loads that will become the major driver of restoration efforts. Ms. Spano will note the schedule for the development of watershed implementation plans (WIPs) for the TMDLs, and discuss several related Bay Program developments, including COG comments on the federal 203 report and the release of EPA's letter documenting consequences for failing to meet the pending regulatory milestones for Bay restoration. Mr. Bieber will provide an overview of major sources of nutrient loads to the Potomac Watershed and note key issues/concerns raised by the WRTC about the Bay Program's loading data. (*Att. 4a, b and c*)

Recommended action: Direct COG staff to work with the Water Resources Technical Committee to begin drafting regional policy options for participation in the pending watershed implementation plans.

11:25 5. **Committee Focus for 2010**..... Chair Drzyzgula, members

In consultation with the Chair, COG staff has prepared recommended priorities for committee action in 2010 (*Att. 5*). Chair Drzyzgula will solicit input from members on these recommendations and other priorities in which members may be interested.

Recommended action: Establish a set of priorities for committee action in 2010.

11:45 6. **Update on State Legislation** COG staff

COG staff will update members on 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 whether the committee wishes to recommend any action to the COG Board.

11:55 7. **Old Business** COG staff

- COG Board action re "Region Forward" report of the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition.

11:58 8. **New Business** Members

12:00 9. **Adjourn**

(The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 19, 2010, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.)

Enclosures/Handouts:

- Item 2 DRAFT meeting summary of Nov. 20, 2009
- Item 3 COG staff summary of federal Bay legislation
- Item 4a "Chesapeake Bay Program Updates" (Power Point presentation)
- Item 4b COG Comments on federal 203 Report (to be sent separately)
- Item 4c "Potomac Watershed Loads" (Power Point presentation)
- Item 5 COG staff summary of recommended priorities for 2009 (to be sent separately)
- Item 7 "Region Forward," report available on COG website at <http://www.greaterwashington2050.org/>