

Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee

Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2005

Time: 9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *

Place: Room 1, Lobby Level

777 North Capitol Street, NE

Washington, DC 20002

**Lunch will be available for committee members and alternates after the meeting.*

Meeting Agenda

9:45 **1. Introductions and Announcements**..... Hon. John R. Lovell
Chair, Frederick County

9:50 **2. Approval of Meeting Summary**
for May 20, 2005 Chair Lovell

Recommended action: Approve DRAFT Meeting Summary (*Att. 2*).

9:55 **3. Discussion of Potomac Trash Issues** Ted Graham, COG
Dir. of Water Resources

The Alice Ferguson Foundation coordinated the signing of a treaty designed to reduce trash in the Potomac River by six local governments in March 2005, including four COG members. In response, the COG Board adopted Resolution R16-05 in May 2005, directing the Bay Policy Committee to develop recommendations for how COG as a whole could work with the foundation on this issue and to report back to the Board by September. Mr. Graham will outline how other jurisdictions could become signatories to the treaty and discuss plans for a trash summit.

Recommended Action: Develop recommendations for COG participation in the treaty and the planned summit.

10:20 **4. Discussion of Bylaws Revision** Karl Berger, COG staff

Under Resolution R17-05, the COG Board directed the Bay Policy Committee to expand its membership to include water and wastewater utilities that contribute to the Regional Water Fund and directed the committee to review and approve the work program and budget for the Water Fund. Staff is drafting a set of changes to the existing bylaws that would bring them into compliance with this new Board policy -- to be distributed at the meeting. In accordance with the existing bylaws, the committee would have to authorize a vote on the bylaws amendments for the CBPC meeting in September.

Recommended Action: Approve proposed bylaws changes for recording in the minutes and a vote at the Sept. 16, 2005, meeting.

- 10:50 5. Update on Chesapeake Bay Financing Authority.....Hon. Penelope Gross,
Fairfax County;
Hon. Andy Fellows, College Park

Under COG Board Resolution R11-05, Ms. Gross and Mr. Fellows were appointed by COG Board Chair J. Davis to represent COG on the Bay Program committee charged with developing the details of the regional financing authority recommended by the Blue Ribbon Finance Panel. That committee has submitted a report to the Chesapeake Executive Council (*Att. 5*). Ms. Gross will provide a summary of the report and highlight areas of concern.

Recommended action: Receive briefing.

- 11:10 6. Review of Ag Forum and TourChair Lovell

On June 10, 2005, the committee helped to sponsor the Frederick County Agricultural Forum and Tour to highlight farmers' efforts to improve water quality. Chair Lovell and several other committee and staff members participated. He will provide a brief summary of events and outline some suggestions for how the committee can build upon its work with the agricultural community.

Recommended action: Receive briefing and discuss future agricultural initiatives.

- 11:20 7. Old Business

- State tributary strategy status..... Mr. Graham
- Correspondence re federal funding Steve Bieber, COG staff

- 11:25 7. New BusinessMembers

- 11:30 8. Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 16, 2005, 9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

(Remember: COG will reimburse members and alternates for Metro fares.)

Enclosures:

- Item 2 DRAFT Meeting Summary of May 20, 2005
- Item 5 Chesapeake Bay Financing Authority Organizational Template