

## Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

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**Date:** March 9, 2012  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon\*  
**Place:** Board Room  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

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

### Meeting Agenda

- 10:00 1. **Introductions and Announcements**..... Hon. Penny Gross, Chair,  
Fairfax County
- CBPC Vice Chair appointees
- 10:05 2. **Approval of Meeting Summary for Jan. 20, 2011**.....Chair Gross
- Recommended action:** Approve DRAFT Meeting Summary (*Att. 2*).
- 10:10 3. **Pollution Limits, Jobs in the Bay**..... Tom Pelton, Chesapeake  
Bay Foundation

**And Local Perspectives**..... Karen Pallansch, Engineer-Director  
Alexandria Sanitation Authority

The COG Board has identified jobs as a priority issue for the region - as a key component of the Region Forward initiative (<http://www.regionforward.org/the-plan>), as well as to address concerns regarding potential cuts in federal employment and procurement in the region - specifically through a Regional Economic Growth and Competitiveness Plan (<http://www.mwcog.org/uploads/committee-documents/b11eW1he20120216132432.pdf>). The COG Board will be discussing these issues further at their March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Environmental/green jobs play a critical role in supporting regional water infrastructure needs and responding to increased regulatory demands such as the Bay TMDL; and there are many challenges that the region faces. Mr. Pelton will discuss the Bay Foundation's recent report on jobs in the region (Att. 3 a and b). Ms. Pallansch will provide a local wastewater utility perspective on these issues.

**Recommended Action:** Agree on key points to raise to COG Board at March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, and provide guidance to WRTC and COG staff on any potential next steps/actions regarding these issues.

11:10 4. **Comments to EPA on TMDL, State WIP Process** .....Karl Berger, COG staff

States are due to submit their final Phase II WIP documents to EPA by March 30. The Phase II WIPs incorporate more detail on local government actions than the Phase I WIPs developed in 2010. Mr. Berger will brief members on what's in the draft state WIP document, the 2012-13 milestones submitted by the states, and EPA's comments on these state documents. He will present draft staff comments on the process (*Att. 4*) for potential submission to EPA, and note any comments that were received from COG's Water Resources Technical Committee when they met on March 8<sup>th</sup>. It is envisioned that the COG comments would be transmitted to EPA, and copied to the States, by the Chair on behalf of the CBPC.

**Recommended Action:** Approve TMDL-WIP process comments for submission to EPA Region III on behalf of COG members.

11:30 5. **DC Water Green Infrastructure Pilot - Update**..... Tanya Spano, Chief RWQM Section

DC Water is proposing a pilot program (*Att. 5*) to demonstrate the effectiveness of green infrastructure on a massive scale (i.e., 50 acres in Potomac and Rock Creek sewersheds at a cost of \$10-30 million). The pilot is envisioned to address a range of issues including green jobs, climate change mitigation, etc.). DC Water Green Infrastructure Pilot - Petition. This is an outcome of one of the activities that Mr. George Hawkins briefed the CBPC on at their May 20, 2011 meeting. Ms. Spano will note key features of the proposed pilot that would be of interest to COG's members and a staff recommendation to have DC Water present more on this project at an upcoming meeting.

**Recommended Action:** Provide guidance to staff on scheduling such a presentation.

11:40 6. **Staff Updates**.....COG Staff

- State legislative updates (*Att. 6*)
- Plans for May 18<sup>th</sup> committee tour
- Region Forward: Baseline Progress Report update

11:55 7. **New Business**.....Members

12:00 8. **Adjourn**

(The next business meeting, will be combined with the committee tour scheduled for 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday, May 18)

Enclosures/Handouts:

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| Item 2   | DRAFT meeting summary of Jan. 20 2011   |
| Item 3a. | Report: <i>Debunking the "Job Killer" Myth: How Pollution Limits Encourage Jobs in the Chesapeake Bay Region (CBF, December 2011)</i> |
| Item 3b. | <i>CNN Money Article Regarding Jobs</i>   |
| Item 4   | DRAFT COG comments to EPA on the State WIPs and Bay TMDL  |
| Item 5   | DC Water Green Infrastructure Project brochure  |
| Item 6   | COG staff summary of state legislation (to be provided at the meeting)  |