

WATER RESOURCES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (WRTC) MEETING
Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Business Meeting (10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
Rooms #4 & 5, First Floor

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AGENDA

I. Welcome, & Roll Call/Introductions – *Elaine Schaeffer, Chair*
(10:00 – 10:05 a.m.)

Welcome new members: Mark Peterson, Loudoun Water; & Pamela Parker, Montgomery County

II. Chesapeake Bay: EPA's TMDLs & State WIPs – *Tanya Spano & Karl Berger, COG staff*
(10:05 – 11:15 a.m.)

A. Bay TMDL & WIP Updates
(10:05 – 10:45 a.m.)

Ms. Spano will provide a brief overview of the current TMDL & WIP schedules and upcoming milestones, and note opportunities for local input.

Mr. Berger will review the schedule and process updates planned for the CBP's Watershed Model (WSM) upgrades (i.e., version 5.3.2), proposed training events that Maryland and the CBPO are planning, and new information regarding sediment loads and their local implications.

B. Bay Model – Watershed Climate Change Analysis – **Mark Bennett, USGS**
(10:45 – 11:15 a.m.)

Mr. Bennett will describe the ongoing progress in the USGS led effort to apply the Phase 5.3 Model in a climate change analysis of the Chesapeake watershed. This work anticipates management focus on potential climate change influences on the Chesapeake TMDL during the 2017 mid-point assessment.

Feedback: WRTC members will be asked to note any additional information needs, as well as indicate their desire for COG staff to learn more about how the WSM works and the various assumptions that are likely to affect the COG region.

III. CBPC's June 16th Special Meeting with Jeff Corbin, EPA – Karl Berger, COG staff
(11:15 – 11:45 a.m.)

The CBPC has confirmed a special meeting with Jeff Corbin, Special Adviser to the EPA Administrator for Chesapeake Bay and Anacostia River Restoration, to be held on Thursday, June 16th. Representatives from the District, Maryland and Virginia have also been invited to participate. The meeting will provide an opportunity to hear EPA's perspectives on local government and agency roles and responsibilities under the state WIPs, and for COG's members to present ideas for improving coordination with local governments and agencies in the ongoing restoration efforts. COG staff is coordinating with a work group of the CBPC to develop specific policy recommendations for that session,

Mr. Berger will provide an update on the meeting arrangements and agenda, and review draft policy points that have been prepared to help guide the discussion at the June 16th meeting.

Feedback: WRTC members will be asked to provide their recommendations to the CBPC regarding the draft policy points that should be raised with Mr. Corbin and state/District representatives.

IV. FY 2012 Regional Water Resources Work Program & Budget – Tanya Spano, COG staff
(11:45 – 12:15 a.m.)

Ms. Spano will review key features of the *FY 2012 Regional Water Resources Work Program and Budget*, noting some new initiatives and key deliverables that COG staff will be working on during the coming year, including integrating COG's monitoring program and Potomac River water quality reporting.

Action: WRTC members will be asked to endorse transmitting the FY 2012 Work Program & Budget to the CBPC for their formal approval.

V. Around the Room – WRTC Members & COG Staff
(12:15 – 12:30 p.m.)

The WRTC members are asked to identify any issues/activities of potential interest to other members. And, COG staff will address any questions regarding the **General Updates/Upcoming Events**.

VI. Adjourn Business Meeting
(12:30 p.m.)

GENERAL UPDATES

Potomac Conservancy Workshop on EDCs & Other Emerging Contaminants

On June 3rd, the Potomac Conservancy will have held a workshop to address the presence of these pollutants in the Potomac. Register at: www.potomac.org/site/EDC-Forum/index.php.

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COG's Monthly Drought Report

Spring rains have helped keep the region's water table high in spite of the recent heat wave. But to track how the Potomac River Basin supply fares throughout the summer you can follow COG's drought reports online. Monthly drought reports are prepared to inform the COG Board, and members of the Water Supply Task Force, on water supply and drought conditions in the Potomac River Basin, as part of the requirements of the Metropolitan Washington Water Supply and Drought Awareness Response Plan. To learn more about drought conditions and a coordinated regional response, please visit COG's Water Supply website at:

http://www.mwkog.org/environment/water/watersupply/current_conditions.asp

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 10th (12:00 to 3:30 pm) – COG's Region Forward Coalition Meeting** – George Mason University, Arlington Campus
- **June 12 – 16th – AWWA Annual Conference (ACE)**, Washington DC
For details, please log on to www.AWWA.COM
- **June 16th (1:00 to 3:00 pm) – Special Meeting of the CBPC** - with Jeff Corbin, EPA, and State/District representatives concerning the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and WIP processes.

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- **June 28th (10:00 am to 3:00 pm) – Stormwater Workshop: Maximizing Success in Selecting and Applying BMPs.** A Participatory Workshop sponsored by the Mid Atlantic Water Program, Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Center for Watershed Studies at Virginia Tech, and COG. To be held at COG in the Board Room.
For more information and to **RSVP**, please visit [COG's events calendar](#)

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- **July 7th – WRTC Meeting**
- **July 11th – Chesapeake Bay Executive Council Meeting** – location to be determined
- **July 15th – CBPC Meeting** (*tentative – may be cancelled given additional/Special Meeting on June 16th*)