

# CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE (CBPC)

Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

COG's Walter A. Scheiber Board Room
777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002

# 15TH ANNUAL BAY & WATER QUALITY FORUM AGENDA

#### 10:00 A.M. 1. CHAIR'S WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Kenny Boddye, CBPC Chair, invited guests, and CBPC members

Chair Boddye will open the CBPC Water Quality Forum and welcome members and invited guests.

# 10:15 A.M. 2. KEYNOTE ADDRESS – TRANSFORMING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR WATER

George Hawkins, Esq., Moonshot Missions

Mr. Hawkins is the founder and CEO of Moonshot Missions, a nonprofit that helps utilities identify and implement practical, high-impact strategies to improve performance, resilience, and affordability. Over 12 years to 2018, he served as both the first Director of the District Department of Energy and Environment and then the General Manager of DC Water.

### 10:35 A.M. 3. PANEL DISCUSSION: WATER FUNDING AND AFFORDABILITY

Deputy Director Steve Saari, DC Department of Energy and Environment Director Mike Rolband, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Serena McIlwain, Maryland Department of the Environment

Invited guests will discuss the evolving federal funding landscape and what it means for local water programs, governments and utilities. The panel will highlight available resources, provide updates on EPA infrastructure programs, and share strategies for managing funding challenges. Panelists will also explore how to balance regulatory requirements, and infrastructure needs while keeping water services affordable for ratepayers now and in the future.

#### 11:25 A.M. 4. DIALOGUE: REFLECTIONS AND PRIORITIES

Reasonable accommodations are provided upon request, including alternative formats of meeting materials. Visit www.mwcog.org/accommodations or call (202) 962-3300 or (202) 962-3213 (TDD).

#### CBPC Members and Invited Guests

CBPC members and guests will reflect on what they heard, share local perspectives, and identify common priorities around water infrastructure, funding, and planning. This open discussion is an opportunity for elected officials to exchange ideas and explore ways to collectively advocate for sustainable, affordable solutions for their communities.

#### 11:50 P.M. 5. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

Chair Boddye

# **Recommended Actions:**

- a) Share Forum outcomes
- b) Identify opportunities for collaboration on the issues raised during the Forum

## 12:00 P.M. 6. ADJOURN FORUM, WITH LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW

Chair Boddye

All are invited to stay for a luncheon immediately following the Forum.