



## CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE Meeting Summary - **DRAFT**

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

### LINK TO ALL MEETING PRESENTATIONS AND MATERIALS:

<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2025/11/21/chesapeake-bay-and-water-resources-policy-committee/>

#### 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Boddye welcomed members and asked them to introduce themselves. Mr. Gupta thanked Chair Boddye for his service as chair and announced the selection of City of Greenbelt Councilmember Jenni Pompi as the next CBPC Chair, pending approval by the COG Board.

#### 2. MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL

The CBPC approved the draft summary for the July 2025 CBPC meeting and the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bay and Water Quality Forum.

#### 3. 2026 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW - STATE

*Lisa Ochsenhirt, AquaLaw*

Ms. Ochsenhirt went over upcoming developments and potential legislation at the state level in 2026, covering topics such as the Maryland legislative session schedule and budget picture, bills on items like PFAS and stream restoration. For Virginia, Ms. Ochsenhirt covered the updates from recent Virginia elections, priorities like stormwater and wastewater funding, PFAS, and potential bills on labor and right of entry. Questions and discussion focused on flooding in MS4 permits, pre-filed Virginia bills, the Maryland budget, and bill tracking going forward.

#### 4. 2026 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW - FEDERAL

*Wendi Wilkes, Current Strategies*

Ms. Wilkes went over upcoming developments and potential legislation at the federal level in 2026, starting with Congressional updates like funding levels for EPA, the Chesapeake Bay Program, and PFAS provisions in the Defense funding bill. Ms. Wilkes then covered EPA regulatory updates around topics like PFAS standards, CERCLA, and Clean Water Act and WOTUS changes.

#### 5. DWSPP WORKSHOP RECAP: DEVELOPING A RESEARCH STRATEGY FOR THE POTOMAC WATERSHED

*Priscilla To, WSSC Water & Monica Lee-Masi, WRF*

Dr. To and Dr. Lee-Masi presented a recap of the recent Potomac River Basin research priorities event on behalf of the Potomac DWSPP and WRF. They started with a background on the DWSPP and regional collaboration, accomplishments of DWSPP, research needs and ongoing projects, and an overview of the workshop. They shared that priorities from the workshop included PFAS forensics and developing tools to model algae and share data about them.

#### 6. MEMBER & STAFF UPDATES

*CBPC members and COG staff*



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- Mr. Gupta shared a draft schedule of CBPC meetings for 2026 and summarized the topics that the CBPC spent the most time on in 2025.
- Ms. Bolton solicited feedback from CBPC members around the 2026 COG Legislative Priorities and previewed the in development CBPC Citizen Centric Report (CCR). Ms. Bolton also asked for nominations for CBPC Chair and Vice-Chair and reminded members about the upcoming COG Membership and Awards Reception.
- Matt Ries from DC Water provided an update on a DC Water program called Pure Water DC, whose aim is to explore ideas for a secondary source of water for the DC region.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The next CBPC meeting will be TBD, January 2026

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

Kenny Boddye (Chair), Prince William County  
Allie Wagner, NVRC  
Amy Stevens, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection  
Brian Nolte, Fairfax County  
Christy Davis, Fairfax Water  
Heather Gewandter, City of Rockville  
JD Spain Sr., Arlington County  
Jenni Pompi, Greenbelt  
Jessica Landman, City of Takoma Park  
Kathy Smith, Fairfax County  
Katie Foreman, WSSC Water  
Laura Downs, Falls Church City  
Lisa Oschsenhirt, AquaLaw  
Matt Ries, DC Water  
Mel Daniels, Current Strategies  
Monica Lee-Masi, WRF  
Monta Burrough, City of Laurel  
Natali Fani-Gonzalez, Montgomery County Council  
Penny Gross, Fairfax County (Ret.)  
Priscilla To, WSSC Water  
Shannon Moore, Frederick County  
Stephen Kenny  
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