



CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary - **DRAFT**

November 21st, 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 Boddy welcomed members and asked them to introduce themselves. Mr. Gupta thanked Chair Boddy for his service as chair and announced the selection of City of Greenbelt Councilmember Jenni Pompei 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 15th 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

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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 Pompei, 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
Sydney Samples, WRF

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Steve Bieber