



**CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bay & Water Quality Forum**  
**Meeting Summary**

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**LINK TO ALL MEETING PRESENTATIONS AND MATERIALS:**

<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2025/09/26/chesapeake-bay-water-resources-policy-committee-epa-forum-chesapeake-baywatershed-water-quality/>

**1. CHAIR'S WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Boddye opened the CBPC Water Quality Forum and welcomed members and invited guests

**2. KEYNOTE ADDRESS – TRANSFORMING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR WATER**

*George Hawkins, Esq., Moonshot Missions*

Mr. Hawkins provided a keynote focused on affordability and efficiency in the water sector. Starting with his experience as General Manager for DC Water and continuing to his experience in his new company Moonshot Missions. Mr. Hawkins focused on the latter's efforts towards aiding small utilities and used the Eastern Shore of Maryland as an example.

**3. PANEL DISCUSSION**

*Deputy Director Steve Saari, DC Department of Energy and the Environment*

*Director Mike Rolband, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality*

*Secretary Serena McIlwain, Maryland Department of the Environment*

The panelists began by touching on challenges areas of focus for their jurisdictions, such as the cleanup of the Anacostia River for DC, permit efficiency improvements for VA, and funding programs for small jurisdictions in MD. Moving to the questions, the panelists discussed items such as funding both at the federal and state levels, the balance between small and large utilities, opportunities for regulatory efficiency such as accepting certifications from other states, county specific issues, and cybersecurity.

**4. DIALOGUE: REFLECTIONS AND PRIORITIES**

*CBPC Members and Invited Guests*

Members and invited guests engaged in dialogue focused on collaboration and opportunities to come together around shared priorities for the regional water sector.

**5. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS**

*Chair Boddye*

CBPC looks forward to continued effort on these issues over the next year and using insights gained at this Forum to plan our 2026 Meetings and other events.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The next CBPC meeting will be [November 21st, 2025](#)