



CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE (CBPC)

Friday, September 18th, 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

16TH ANNUAL BAY & WATER QUALITY FORUM AGENDA

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

Jenni Pompei, CBPC Chair, invited guests, and CBPC members

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

10:15 A.M. 2. KEYNOTE ADDRESS – WATER UTILITIES AT A CROSSROADS AND POLICY CHOICES AHEAD

Adam Krantz, CEO, NACWA

Mr. Krantz is the CEO of NACWA, an association of public wastewater and stormwater agencies that advocates on their behalf to ensure widespread access to clean water. He will speak about utility trends around affordability, federal funding, regulatory pressures, and needed policy changes.

10:30 A.M. 3. PANEL DISCUSSION: EMERGING CHALLENGES AND THE ROLE OF RESILIENCE

Jonathan Rak, Deputy Director, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Kishia Powell, General Manager, WSSC Water
Matthew Brown, Interim General Manager and COO, DC Water
Mike Collins, Deputy Director for Operations, Arlington County
Raffael Stein, Deputy Director, EPA Office of Wastewater Management
Zachary Schafer, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Maryland Department of the Environment

Invited guests will discuss pressures such as rising costs, interdependencies, and other vulnerabilities. The panel will highlight gaps in current planning frameworks, opportunities to strengthen regional infrastructure, and how to incorporate a resilience based approach. Panelists will also address how

affordability factors into these decisions.

11:30 A.M. 4. DIALOGUE: WHAT DECISIONS ARE COMING NEXT?

CBPC Members and Invited Guests

CBPC members and guests will reflect on what they heard, share local perspectives, and identify common priorities. This open discussion is an opportunity for attendees to explore where policy or legislation would help utilities and governments most.

11:55 P.M. 5. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

Chair Pompi

Recommended Actions:

- a) Share Forum outcomes
- b) Identify opportunities for collaboration on the issues raised during the Forum
- c) Highlight emerging policy/legislative ideas for action by elected officials

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

Chair Pompi

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