

LGAC Members Present: Richard Baugh, Ruby Brabo, Ed Bustin, Daniel Chao, Sheila Finlayson, Penelope Gross, Larry Land, Leo Lutz, Brianne Nadeau, Don Phillips, Kelly Porter, Ann Simonetti, John Thomas, Robert Willey, Bruce Williams and LGAC Staff - Mary Gattis and Jennifer Starr

Speakers/Guests Present: Carin Bisland (CBPO), Luke Cole (DC DEE), Katherine Fillippino (Hampton Roads PDC), Norm Goulet (Northern Virginia Regional Commission), Reggie Parrish (CBPO), Joan Salvati (VA DEQ), Philip Stafford (MD DNR), Taylor Stark (Alliance), James Sullivan (DNREC)

Meeting presentations and materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/24385/>

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Call to Order

Chair Bruce Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He introduced the Joint LGAC/ Chesapeake Bay Program Land Use Workgroup Forum on *Future Land Use Scenarios Relevant to Local Planning Decisions to Maintain Water Quality* and welcomed LGAC members, Land Use Workgroup members and non-traditional partners to the Forum.

The Forum goal was to learn about the potential use of future scenarios to inform local restoration and conservation actions, explore possible scenario narratives and assumptions, and build consensus around a subset of scenarios to inform Phase III WIP development. The approach was to engage land use planning and policy experts to review historic trends and current policy scenarios and gain sufficient understanding of the methods used in developing these scenarios to enable them to review and build consensus around a set of proposed alternative future scenarios.

The Forum was professionally facilitated by Christine Gyovai with Dialogue and Design, LLC, and a report will be developed to summarize the findings and outcomes.

Chesapeake Bay Program Update

Carin Bisland, Associate Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office (CBPO)

Carin updated Members on the CBP budget. The CBPO has pre-loaded several key programs for FY18 including monitoring, key staff for grants, activity on the midpoint assessment and Phase III WIPs. Staff is looking at various options depending on potential budget cuts for FY18. She discussed unliquidated obligations and cautioned that all funding may not be designated. Some ULO's are high because funding occurred late. Carin explained States have to submit workplans and, while each State does this differently, there is the ability to review the plans. There is no formal comment period. Jurisdiction milestone reports were also discussed and Members sought information on how they can be involved in this report development. Questions were also asked about how LGAC can help support the CBP and its continued funding. Carin added that the Clean Water Act "Rule of Law" exists and the Bay Program has a legislative

mandate so there is a bit of safety or at least time if funding is cut. Carin also thanked Members for their expected attendance at the Annual Executive Committee meeting the next day.

Action: Staff to get state workplans for Members to review.

Thursday, June 9, 2017

Jurisdiction meetings were convened over breakfast.

Call to Order

Bruce called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves. Ed Bustin is now formally a member and Luke Cole was welcomed as the Washington DC staff liaison. Norm Goulet (Northern Virginia Regional Commission) also joined the meeting.

Jurisdiction Breakfast Meeting Report Outs and Member Updates:

Virginia-Richard said there is overwhelming support of elected official roundtables and the VA delegation will help as needed. He reported that the meeting with Secretary Molly Ward was deferred until the VA delegation can all attend. This meeting will occur late summer/early fall and, among a number of topics to discuss, will include conversation about the change in administration following the Gubernatorial election. Joan added VA DEQ has two more Phase III WIP outreach meetings planned and a summary will be sent out of all the meetings once they are over.

Action: VA LGAC delegation will send a CBP support letter to the VA Congressional delegation and Daniel will ensure it gets into the hands of the right staffers.

Maryland/Delaware-Kelly shared Bruce will be attending the summer conferences for the Maryland Municipal League and Maryland Association of Counties. Also there are still LGAC MD positions to be filled and Bruce will again contact MACO to discuss. Don shared there will be a DE MS4 meeting June 15th.

District of Columbia-Daniel updated Members that DC has approved a goal to increase its renewable portfolio by 50%.

Pennsylvania-Ann described the success of the PA Delegation May 24th meeting with Nicki Kasi, PA Department of Environmental Protection's Program Manager for the Chesapeake Bay Program Office, to share the work of LGAC and the priority of improving technical assistance efforts. EPA is withholding \$3 million from PA and this is causing delays with standard operating procedures for best management practice verification. The delegation asked if outside experts could review BMPs for approval and PA declined. Ed brought up legacy sediments and the impact of these loads on the Bay. Members are interested in delving into this topic at a future meeting. Discussion should include costs for relocating critical infrastructure, etc.

Action: Include tour of mill dams and presentation on legacy sediments on future agenda (PA?).

LGAC Initiatives

Local Government Engagement Initiative (Ann Simonetti)-LGEI partners continue to support each other by providing input on jurisdiction activities and materials related to the Midpoint Assessment and Phase III WIP development. The infographic has been kept up-to-date and personalized for states. Maryland has also individualized the fact sheet for wide distribution. LGEI staff have participated in DE and PA kick-off meetings and offered help to attendees.

Environmental Finance Project (Penny Gross)-Based upon the 2016 Finance Symposium, a final report “The Path Forward” was prepared with key recommendations for future activity. Penny shared her concerns over this report as it misses the role of local government, is difficult to read. Found it to be “a lot of energy; very little return”.

Chesapeake Legal Alliance (Ann Simonetti)- LGAC members participated in meeting with CLA staff attorneys who are exploring pay for success program authority in PA. Their report will identify and explain legal barriers. She mentioned a recent Frontline story about fraud in the housing sector.

Action: Email LGAC Frontline link on fraud in the housing sector.

Local Government Forum – Members shared their thoughts on the previous days’ Land Use Forum. Overall Members were impressed with the turnout and discussion. They did share the topic was complex and detailed and sometimes were unclear about purpose of the Forum. Members also provided staff with suggestions for better preparing for future local government forums. Suggestions included holding pre-forum workshops, training webinars and distributing reading material before the Forum.

Business Meeting

March 2017 meeting minutes were approved as amended following a motion by Penny and seconded by Ann.

Coordinator’s Report-Mary explained new staffing changes. Jennifer is now working full time as LGAC staff and Mary splits her time evenly between LGAC and LGEI. Monica Billig is still under contract to support a number of local government program projects.

Executive Committee Report (Chair)-Bruce summarized the LGAC letter and report to the Executive Council and discussed the Annual Meeting. He expressed appreciation that so many of the Members are attending the EC meeting following this LGAC meeting especially as this year the support of local elected officials is very relevant to the continued support for funding of the BCP. Bruce also reminded members of LGAC reimbursement requirements and the commitment to attend meetings. The next LGAC meeting is October 5-6 in West Virginia.

New Business/Future Agenda Items/Open Discussion

Larry Land announced his plans to retire September 30th. He plans to notify the Governor and resign from LGAC.

Future Agenda Items

- CBF/World Resources Institute Three-County Stormwater Nutrient Trading Project
- Financing Stormwater Programs
- Integrated Water Resource Management
- Federal agencies and their role in federal funding
- 101 on Partnerships
- Advanced Alternative Sewage Systems (requested by Penny due to new VA regulations)
- Potential lost revenue over caps on real estate taxes-how can services be provided to communities if revenue streams are being cut (requested by Penny)
- Virginia Coastal Policy Center study on Stormwater management for rural areas

- Legacy Sediments

The following members attended the Executive Committee meeting at the Maryland State House: Bruce Williams, Ann Simonetti, Kelly Porter, Daniel Chao, Richard Baugh, Penny Gross, Larry Land, Bob Willey, Ed Bustin, Ruby Brabo, Brianne Nadeau, and Don Phillips.

The meeting was formally adjourned after the Executive Committee Annual Meeting at 2:00 pm.