## Agenda Item

### I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order about 7:10 pm by Keith Brooks. Crystal Calarusse was the notetaker.

### II. Reading and approval of the minutes.

Members read and reviewed the November minutes. The minutes were accepted without a formal vote of approval and will be posted on the Water Quality Advisory Group (WQAG) website.

### III. Reports of Special Committees.

#### Update Report to Council on Design-Build-Maintain (DBM) Contract

- Kate Bennett facilitated a discussion of the WQAG member comments and questions submitted on the draft update report.
- Patty Bubar explained debt service in a 6-year profile from the Water Quality Protection Charge and the bag tax.
- Frank Dawson explained the rationale for requiring 10 of the existing DEP projects in the DBM (this was required by Council resolution) and noted there are two contracts – one for Design/Build and the other for Maintenance.
• Patty Bubar explained the rationale for the risk sharing model, to make the contract more performance-based and allow for liquidated damages. Also, there is added accountability due to the maintenance requirement.
• DEP staff explained the contract is for 10 years and then maintenance reverts to whoever has the maintenance agreement (county or property owner). Always new contracts every 3-6 years.
• For the update report on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust fund grant, WQAG members suggested the possibility of adding nitrogen and phosphorus numbers to the report and/or adding a little info to give context to the report’s inclusion.

Discussion with Caitlin Wall, Stormwater Partners
• Caitlin Wall reported that the Stormwater Partners are looking forward to the interaction around the new contracting proposal. They like to see dedicated funding for stormwater projects. Public engagement and engagement moving forward is critical.
• Regarding current mood of Stormwater Partners, Caitlin Wall reported the group is interested in additional mechanisms (beyond the DBM contract) for specific needs. Looking for flexibility. Want to be positive supporters of DEP work like RainScapes and other programs.

Update on sediment at the Water Filtration Plant by Paul Billingsley, WSSC
• Paul Billingsley reported on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) consent decree for discharges in violation of their national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit. In 2015, an agreement was reached to pay a $100,000 fine and dedicate $1M for projects related to streams and sediment. New goal of 50% sediment removal. WSSC made operational changes and will upgrade the plant with several improvements in early 2019. Plan of moving intake further into the Potomac River has been pushed back due to permitting issues. 2026 will be a new permit level. The current permit is expired.
• Unclear if people know the plan to move the intake has been postponed.

IV. Unfinished Business and General Orders.

Status of Vacancies
• Currently have 4 vacancies, and 2 more step down in May. Hope to advertise in January. Currently there are no
Mandatory Training
- Current WQAG members (both old and new) have until December 31, 2018 to complete the 2 training requirements.

Meeting Calendar
- Kate Bennett proposed the WQAG meeting dates for 2019 and will place them on the official calendars.

Future Discussions
- At the January meeting, a representative from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) enforcement will present. The group mentioned an interest in learning about actions taken and how MDE interacts with local agencies in Montgomery County.
- The group will begin prioritizing its List of Priority Topics at the next meeting (if the MDE rep cannot attend). WQAG members should come to the next meeting with an idea of personal prioritization and should email any new topics to Kate Bennett.

V. Adjournment.
- The next meeting will be on January 14, 2019.
- Michael McAvey will take notes at the January meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned about 8:30 pm.

Action Item Registry
- WQAG members are to review the list of priority topics before the next meeting and email any new topics to Kate Bennett.
- WQAB members that have not completed the mandatory trainings should do so by December 31, 2018.

List of Priority Topics
- 10-Year Water and Sewer Plan (Winter 2018)
- Educational Outreach – Other Organizations
- Blue Plains and Seneca Treatment Plants Tours
- Rainscapes Update
- Geese and deer management [Potential speakers from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)]
- Expert panel on water quality benefits on stream restorations (Tom Schueler and/or Pamela Parker)
- Community gardening
- Erosion and sediment plan transparency – Dan [On Hold]
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