



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda Alexandria, VA January 8-9, 2026

Members of the public interested in attending the meeting should contact Jennifer Dieux at jdieux@chesbay.us for location information. Full Commission meetings are in-person attendance only. No live-streaming is available.

MEETING LOCATION:

AlexRenew
1800 Limerick St,
Alexandria, VA 22314

Thursday, January 8, 2026

12:30 P.M. WELCOME & NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS
ROLL CALL
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

12:45 P.M. FEDERAL POLICY UPDATES - CROSSROADS STRATEGIES
How can the Commission be effective in working with Congress to meet our federal policy priorities? What is the current status of the Fiscal Year 2026 federal appropriations process and what items are on the horizon for the final year of the 119th Congress?

Jason Gleason
Executive Vice President
Crossroads Strategies

Wally Burnett
Principal
Crossroads Strategies

[1:15 P.M.] Commission Discussion

1:30 P.M. BREAK

1:45 P.M. WASTEWATER CHALLENGES: AGING SYSTEMS AND NEW DEVELOPMENT

Improved wastewater treatment using advanced technologies has reduced nitrogen loads to the Bay by millions of pounds annually. But many of the watershed’s oldest and largest municipalities are facing deadlines to tackle ongoing sewer overflows from aging infrastructure. Moreover, continued growth in the region is putting pressure on utilities quickly approaching their permitted limits. What are the regulatory and legislative drivers pushing municipal wastewater treatment improvements? What funding sources and innovations are localities using to meet these challenges?

Michelle Price-Fay
Director, Water Division
EPA Region 3

Lee Currey
Director of Water Services Administration
Maryland Department of the Environment

Justin Carl, PE
General Manager and CEO
AlexRenew

Chris Pomeroy
President
AquaLaw

[2:45PM] Commission Discussion

3:15 P.M. SAFETY BRIEFING

3:30 P.M. ALEXRENEW TOUR – FOR CBC MEMBERS ONLY

AlexRenew is thrilled to welcome us on a tour of their state-of-the-art [Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant](#) and massive underground pumping station — a major component of the [RiverRenew Tunnel Project](#). The [pumping station](#) is a first of its kind in Virginia — a 12-story underground engineering marvel designed to meet silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification standards.

5:00 P.M. RECESS FOR THE DAY

Friday, January 9, 2026

Meeting Location:

Hotel Heron
699 Prince St,
Alexandria, VA 22314

8:00 A.M. DELEGATION BREAKFAST BREAKOUTS

**9:10 A.M. WELCOME
ROLL CALL**

9:15 A.M. 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES
What can we expect during the 2026 General Assembly sessions in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia?

[10:00 A.M.] Commission Discussion

10:15 A.M. BREAK

10:30 A.M. A DISCUSSION WITH EPA'S REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR AND THE BAY PROGRAM'S DIRECTOR
A lifelong conservationist, Regional Administrator Van Blarcom-Lackey was raised in rural Pennsylvania and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed on her family's dairy farm and has a keen understanding of the intersection between business, environmental, and community needs. Director Coogan has extensive experience overseeing grants and budgets at EPA's headquarters. What are their goals for the Chesapeake Bay Program as we enter our next chapter under the revised Watershed Agreement? How will EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office use its Section 117 authorities under the Clean Water Act to provide support to the Executive Council?

Amy Van Blarcom-Lackey
Administrator
EPA Mid-Atlantic Region

Dan Coogan
Director
EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office

**11:30 A.M. INTERIM ACTIONS
NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC COMMENT**

11:45 A.M. ELECTION OF 2026 OFFICERS

12:00 P.M. ADJOURN

*The next meeting of the full Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held in Annapolis, MD on May 7-8, 2026.*



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Delegation Breakfast Breakouts Alexandria, VA January 9, 2025 8:00 A.M.

Selected Topics for Discussion

Virginia

- 2026 Legislative & Budget Priorities
- Prepare for 2026 Legislative Report Out to Full CBC
- Election of Delegation Leadership
- 2026 Delegation Summer Retreat

Maryland

- 2026 Legislative Priorities
- Prepare for 2026 Legislative Report Out to Full CBC
- Updates from DNR
- Election of Delegation Leadership

Pennsylvania

- Legislative Update
- WIP Update
- Delegation Retreat Planning
- Election of Delegation Leadership