



# 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](mailto:jdieux@chesbay.us) for location information.

### 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**

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### **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 119<sup>th</sup> Congress?*

Jason Gleason  
Executive Vice President  
Crossroads Strategies

Wally Burnett  
Principal  
Crossroads Strategies

[1:15 P.M.] Commission Discussion

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**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?*

EPA Region 3 Representative (invited)

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

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**3:15 P.M.      SAFETY BRIEFING**

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**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.*

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**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**

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

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**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**

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**10:15 A.M. BREAK**

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**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**

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**11:45 A.M.    ELECTION OF 2026 OFFICERS**

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**12:00 P.M.    ADJOURN**

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