

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Government Relations Committee Meeting
October 20, 2022

At 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022, a meeting of the Government Relations Committee of Fairfax Water was held in the Bill G. Evans Boardroom at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, with the following in attendance:

Committee Members: Rubin (Chairman), Begovich, Colleton, Griffin

Other Members: Allin, Day, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones, Roberson

Staff: Atapoor, Daisley, Dooley, Franzen, Goldberg, Grimes, Hack, Hedges, Hoke, Kingsbury, S. Miller, Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz, Robey, Sinopole

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, L. Preston Bryant, McGuireWoods Consulting (Remote)

The Committee approved the minutes of the February 17, 2022, Meeting.


Mr. Gregory Prelewicz gave a presentation on Fairfax Water's drought preparedness policy, the Fairfax County Drought Emergency Ordinance, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Water Supply and Drought Awareness Response Plan for the Potomac River System, and the Virginia Drought Response Plan.

Mr. Preston Bryant discussed the proposed legislative language for drought monitoring and response to recognize the investments made by Fairfax Water ratepayers in water supply resiliency infrastructure in the Potomac River system. Mr. Bryant also discussed possible options for a bill sponsor in the state legislature, bill drafts, and bill drafting deadlines.

Mr. Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Begovich, for the Committee to recommend to the Board the draft legislation with revisions as discussed and that Fairfax Water enlist Delegate Bulova and Senator Marsden as possible bill sponsors. Additionally, Mr. Griffin suggested that there be outreach to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to add this topic to their legislative program, as well as the City of Alexandria and Prince William County.

Ms. Hedges stated that staff recently spoke with Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Director Mike Rolband about concerns related to efforts to re-evaluate the Potomac River flow-by arising during the Low Flow Allocation Work Group meetings convened by the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin. Mr. Rolband invited Fairfax Water to send a letter outlining its concerns. Staff will prepare a letter for the Board's review at a future meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Burton J. Rubin
Committee Chairman