

APPENDIX A–EXECUTIVE ORDER

EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2003.08

Advisory Committee on the Management and Protection of the State’s Water Resources

WHEREAS, The Water Resources Management Advisory Committee was established by Executive Order on April 5, 2002 to provide advice to the State on policies and programs relating to the management, development, conservation and protection of the State’s water resources;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 01.01.2002.05 currently provides for the Advisory Committee to complete its assessment and report its findings to the Governor by May 31, 2003;

WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee was first constituted in December, 2002 and, as a consequence, has been significantly delayed in initiating the required study activities;

WHEREAS, The Administration finds the work of the Advisory Committee to be of continued importance in ensuring safe and secure water resources for the citizens of Maryland, such that additional time should be granted to the Committee to complete its review and report to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, The Administration also finds the need to change representation on the Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2002.05, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. Established. An Advisory Committee on the Management and Protection of the State’s Water Resources is established to advise and assist the State in implementing programs and policies relating to the management, development, conservation and protection of the State’s water resources.

B. Membership and Procedures.

(1) Membership. The Advisory Committee shall consist of up to 21 members, including:

(a) A member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(b) A member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(c) The Secretary of the Department of the Environment or a designee;

(d) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or a designee;

(e) The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture or a designee;

(f) The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or a designee;

(g) [The Special Secretary of the Office of Smart Growth or a designee] THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING OR A DESIGNEE; and

(h) Up to 14 members appointed by the Governor to include representatives of county and municipal government, environmental interest organizations, the agricultural and business community, research institutions and other individuals from the general public with relevant interest or expertise.

(2) MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL SERVE AT HIS PLEASURE.

[(2)](3) The Governor shall designate the chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

[(3)] (4) A member may not receive compensation for serving on the Advisory Committee, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget.

C. Duties. The Committee shall perform the following duties:

(1) Review the latest information from State, local and federal agencies concerning assessments of the quality and quantity management and protection of the State's ground and surface water resources;

(2) Review the results of ongoing scientific research regarding climate change and its regional impacts on aquifer depletion and recharging models;

(3) Review local, State and federal laws and regulations and policies related to the management, development, conservation and protection of ground and surface water resources;

(4) Assess the adequacy of existing governmental resources, regulatory enforcement and monitoring programs that are available for the management, development, conservation and protection of the State's ground and surface water resources;

(5) Develop models to assess trends regarding the State's major aquifers; and

(6) Recommend additional actions, studies, policies, regulations or laws necessary to assure that the management and protection of the State's surface and ground water resources is conducted in a manner consistent with their long-term sustainable use and protection. The Advisory Committee shall provide a cost estimate and funding alternatives for implementation of each recommendation.

D. Staffing. Staff support to the Advisory Committee shall be provided by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

E. Report. The Advisory Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor by May 31, [2003] 2004.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 7th Day of March, 2003.



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
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Governor

Attest:

R. Karl Aumano
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Secretary of State