

## Appendix B

# EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2005.25

*(Rescinds Executive Orders 01.01.2002 .05 and 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 01.01.2002.05, and later amended by Executive Order 01.01.2003.08, 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, The Advisory Committee submitted a Final Report of its findings to the Governor on May 28, 2004;

WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee found that the population of Maryland is projected to increase by 1.1 million people by 2030, and the demand for water is projected to increase by 233 million gallons per day by 2030;

WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee found that the availability of water resources to meet projected needs is not certain in all parts of the State where water demand is expected to increase;

WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee found that assessments of water resource availability throughout the State should be conducted on a continuing basis;

WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee recommended the establishment of a successor Committee to advise the State in implementing programs for the long-term sustainable use and protection of the State's water resources; and

WHEREAS, The Administration concurs with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to establish a successor 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 RESCIND EXECUTIVE ORDERS 01.01.2002.05 AND 01.01.2003.08 AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. Established. An Advisory Committee on the Management and Protection of the State's Water Resources is established to advise 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 15 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 Secretary of the Department of Planning or a designee; and
    - h. Up to 8 members appointed by the Governor to include representatives of local government, the environmental, agricultural, and business communities, and other individuals from the general public with relevant interest or expertise.
  2. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve at his pleasure.
  3. The Governor shall designate the chairperson of the Advisory Committee.
  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 provide 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 of the State's ground and surface water resources;
  2. Review local, State and federal laws, regulations and policies related to the management, development, conservation and protection of ground and surface water resources;

3. 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;
  4. Identify alternatives for additional sources of water supply, such as storage, reservoirs, water system interconnections, inter-basin water transfers, or other means that may be necessary to meet future water demand;
  5. 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;
  6. Identify appropriate State, federal and local government and private funding mechanisms to ensure that the actions, studies, policies, regulations or laws recommended by the Committee may be appropriately implemented; and
  7. Develop and recommend a comprehensive strategy, including the above elements and any other elements the Committee believes are necessary to ensure the adequacy of the State's water resources to meet the current and projected demand for water through 2030.
- D. Staffing. Staff support to the Advisory Committee shall be provided by the Maryland Department of the Environment.
- E. Meetings. The Advisory Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis or more often if necessary.
- F. Report. The Advisory Committee shall report its interim findings and recommendations to the Governor by July 1, 2006, and its final findings and recommendations by July 1, 2008.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 16 th Day of May, 2005.



*Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.*  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

Attest:

*R. Karl Aumann*  
R. Karl Aumann  
Secretary of State