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March 20, 1987

Dear Commission Member:

The April meeting of the Critical Area Commission has been scheduled for April 8, 1987, at the Department of Agriculture Building, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway. The meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m.

Directions to the Building are as follows:

From the Eastern Shore - Head west on Route 50 and cross the Bay Bridge. Follow Rt. 50 for approx. 2 miles, then cross the Severn River Bridge approaching Annapolis. After crossing the Bridge, take the second exit into Annapolis (Route 2 and Prince Frederick exit), and stay on the far right-hand side. The exit ramp will lead you to the intersection of Route 2 and West Street at a traffic light. Take the right turn onto West Street (a yield turn before actually getting to the light). Go to the first traffic light (Sovran Bank on the corner on the left), make a left turn onto Riva Road. Follow Riva for approx. 1 mile, and look for Harry S. Truman Pkwy. on the Right. Make right onto Pkwy. and follow until you see signs for the Dept. of Agriculture on the right.

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From the Western Shore (Baltimore area) - Go south on Route 2, to exit for Route 50, or for Annapolis. Cross the Severn River Bridge and follow directions above.

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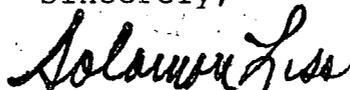
From Western Shore (Washington area) - Go north on Route 50 to Route 2 Prince Frederick exit (Parole shopping area). Stay in right-hand lane. At end of ramp traffic light, go across West Street to Riva Road. Follow directions on page one.

Parking is adjacent to the Building and the meeting room is located on the lower floor of the Building.

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes from the March meeting for your review and approval, a copy of the agenda for the meeting, the final version of the Non-Tidal Wetland Guidance Paper for your review and approval, and a copy of Baltimore City's Critical Area Management Program.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Please know that attendance at these meetings is extremely important because of two requirements. First of all, a quorum is required to conduct the business of the Commission. The total membership amount to a quorum is 14. Second of all, in order for an affirmative vote to be taken by the Commission, it is necessary that one more than a majority of the Commission vote favorably on the issue, and that number is 14. If there are any questions pertaining to directions, or if there are items to add, please telephone Jennifer at 974-2426.

Sincerely,



Solomon Liss
Chairman

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Enclosures

AGENDA

CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION

Department of Agriculture
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, Maryland

April 8, 1987

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

- 1.* Approval of Minutes from
March 11th Meeting
Solomon Liss
Chairman
 - 2.* Presentation of Non-Tidal Wetlands
Guidance Paper
Dr. Kevin Sullivan
 3. Presentation of Draft Forest
Management Paper
(To be handed out)
Dr. Kevin Sullivan
 4. Presentation of Baltimore
City's Critical Area
Management Program
Ms. Mary Dolan and
and Staff
 5. Questions and Answers
 6. Old Business
Solomon Liss
Chairman
 7. New Business
Solomon Liss
Chairman
- * action item

CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting Held
March 11, 1987

The Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission met at the Aspen Institute at Wye Plantation, Queenstown, Maryland. A preliminary meeting was held in the morning. The new Commission members were then introduced as follows:

Kay Langner for Cecil County
Thomas Osborne for Anne Arundel County
Ronald Karasic for Benjamin Brown, for Baltimore City
Victor Butanis for Harford County
G. Steele Phillips for Dorchester County
Samuel Bowling Charles County
Wallace Miller for Kent County
Ronald Adkins for Somerset County

The staff of the Commission was then introduced, and a discussion ensued explaining the workings of the Commission and the expectations for the future.

Following an awards ceremony honoring the past Commission members (Lloyd Tyler, Barbara O'Neill, Mary Roe Walkup, John Luthy, and Harry Stine), the meeting was called to order by Chairman Solomon Liss, with the following members in attendance:

Louise Lawrence for	Dr. Shepard Krech, Jr.
Secretary Wayne Cawley, Jr.	Parris Glendening
Mark Bundy for	Robert Price
Torrey Brown	Sam Turner, Sr.
Albert W. Zahniser	Thomas L. Jarvis
James E. Gutman	Ann Sturgis Coates
William Bostian	William Eichbaum
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The minutes of the February 4th Commission meeting were approved as written. Chairman Liss asked Dr. Sullivan to discuss the status of the State Regulations and the Non-Tidal Wetlands Reports. The State Regulations had been submitted to the AELR Committee. The second draft of the Non-tidal Wetlands report had been submitted to the Corps of Engineers, EPA, and relevant agencies for review and comments which are forthcoming. He said that the report explains how to identify non-tidal wetlands and how to evaluate disturbance in the drainage of a non-tidal wetland. The Commission was to review the report and submit comments to Dr. Sullivan within the next two weeks so that a further revised draft could be given to the Commission prior to the April 8th meeting. He then introduced David Burke of the Coastal Resources Division of DNR, to explain the concept of mitigation banking.

Dr. Sarah Taylor then asked each member of the staff to introduce themselves to the Commission, and give a briefing of their present activities.

The planners who are providing technical assistance for the affected jurisdictions in the Critical Area gave a brief report of their counties' and jurisdictions' progress. All jurisdictions are in the process of developing their programs. Ms. Watson gave a briefing of her Bay Access and Reforestation Report for the new Commission members. Dr. Oluwole Alade was then introduced to the Commission. He is the Commission's project coordinator for the data information management systems. He said that the Commission Office now has a computer system that will begin processing the land parcels data within the Critical Area from court deeds and plat books. Mr. Eran Feitelson briefed the members on the status of the Economic Baseline Study and the use of economic incentives.

Under New Business

Chairman Liss appointed members to comprise a panel for Anne Arundel County's public hearing. James Gutman, Torrey Brown, Victor Butanis, Robert Price, and Benjamin Brown were chosen. Mr. Osborne suggested that a public hearing format be submitted to the Commission prior to the next public hearing. Chairman Liss explained the process for public hearings and what is expected of the panel, but stated that a guidance paper would be provided.

The meeting was adjourned, with a commitment from the staff to develop a briefing paper on how to conduct a hearing. Also, a listing of Commission members' home addresses and telephone numbers is to be provided to the entire Commission.

Chairman Liss then stated that another set of regulations would need to be developed by the Commission, addressing Section 8-1811 of the Law. These regulations are to identify those classes of applications for project approval of which the Commission wishes to receive notice. Carolyn Watson was the staff member assigned to work with a subcommittee on the effort. The subcommittee appointed to develop the regulations consisted of: Thomas Osborne, Ronald Adkins, Ronald Hickernell, Shepard Krech, and Robert Price as Chairman.