

**CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING**

**Liberty Mountain Conference Center  
Carroll Valley, Pennsylvania**

**Conference Call Phone Number: 866-299-3188 Code: 410-267-5731**

**Adobe Connect: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/waterqualitygit/>**

**Purpose:**

To reach agreement on a process, priorities and a working schedule and plan for conducting the mid-point assessment. Work plan will include assignment of midpoint assessment priorities to WQGIT, workgroups, and staff, as appropriate.

**Day One: Monday, October 22, 2012**

**10:00 AM Welcome and Introductions** – Pat Buckley/Larry Merrill/Russ Baxter

- Meeting logistics
- Review of the agenda
  - Note that agenda is structured around working version of Guiding Principles
  - Options for breakout sessions

**10:15 AM Look back on past accomplishments and look ahead for the next 5 years** – Larry Merrill

- Since we last met in 2010:
  - Establishing the Bay TMDL (and ALL the WQGIT work leading up to it)
  - Completion of Phase I and II WIPs and 2012-2013 Milestones
  - On track toward meeting the goal of all practices in place by 2025
  - Supporting multiple expert panels to evaluate BMPs
  - Moving forward with a verification protocol
- Next 2 days will chart the course for the next 5 years

**PRESENTATION:** *Presentation A1:*

**BRIEFING MATERIALS:** *Attachment A2: wqgit\_midpoint\_assessment\_process.9.25.12.pdf;*

*Attachment A3: Guiding Principles*

**10:30 AM – OPTIONS FOR RAPID DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF MODELING TOOLS** – Gary Shenk

The partnership has expressed a desire for significant review of the implications of any changes to the watershed model. A model development process, simulation method, and review process will be presented as options for the WQGIT to consider. The proposed method would result in periodic review opportunities for the partnership throughout the development process, greater clarity in BMP effectiveness, and closer agreement with CAST results.

**PRESENTATION:** *Presentation B1:*

**11:15 AM – PANEL DISCUSSION OF WORKGROUP PRIORITIES – PART I – WQGIT and Modeling Workgroup Chairs, STAR Liaison**

Allow 10-15 minutes per panel member. Part I will include presentations from Stormwater, Land Use, Agriculture, Watershed Technical and Modeling Workgroups.

Workgroup Chairs should consider the following questions when presenting their priorities:

- Do priorities address barriers to implementation?
- How do the priorities align with the Guiding Principles?
- Roughly speaking, how much of a difference would it make in load, expected reductions, or implementation decisions in each state? (speaking generally)
- Are there downsides to this priority?
- What would happen if this change were not made as part of the midpoint assessment?

**PRESENTATION:** *Up to Chairs if they want to provide*

**BRIEFING MATERIALS:** *Attachment C1: Summary of Workgroup Priorities; Attachment C2: Priorities Organized by Principle (do we need this?); Attachment C3: Estimated level of effort, by priority; Attachment C4: Initial input submitted by the WQGIT members and Workgroups in August*

**12:30 PM Group Lunch**

**1:30 PM PANEL DISCUSSION OF WORKGROUP PRIORITIES – PART II – WQGIT and Modeling Workgroup Chairs, STAR Liaison**

Allow 10-15 minutes per panel member. Part II will include presentations from Wastewater, Forestry, Trading and Offsets and Milestones Workgroups and STAR Liaison.

Workgroup Chairs should consider the following questions when presenting their priorities:

- Do priorities address barriers to implementation?
- How do the priorities align with the Guiding Principles?
- Roughly speaking, how much of a difference would it make in load, expected reductions, or implementation decisions in each state? (speaking generally)
- Are there downsides to this priority?
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**2:30 PM Break – Possibly allow time for “dot voting” of Workgroup priorities during break**

**3:00 PM WQGIT DISCUSSION OF WORKGROUP PRIORITIES – WQGIT members**

Start with priorities that are shared across workgroups. WQGIT members should consider:

- What resources and how much time would it take to address this priority?
- Based on the above, does the WQGIT agree this should be address in the midpoint assessment?
- If yes, what are the next steps, who is taking them on, and by when? Provide dates by which workgroups, others would come back to WQGIT with more fleshed out work plans

**[Consider time for “dot voting” of Workgroup priorities, especially if not in 2:30 break]**

**4:30 PM SUMMARY OF DAY 1 – Larry Merrill and Russ Baxter**

- Recap of feedback and decisions from Day 1 discussions
- Recap of schedule and workplan updates from Day 1 discussions
- Recap of parking lot issues for future discussions
- Identify next steps, action items to be completed in advance of Day 2

**5:00 PM ADJOURN**

**5:30 PM POSSIBLE GROUP ACTIVITY (may be deferred to after dinner and could involve watching potential NLCS Game 7 involving Washington Nationals. Just sayin')**

**7:30 PM GROUP DINNER**

**Day Two: Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

**7:30 AM Group Breakfast**

**8:30 AM WHAT WE NEED TO GET THROUGH BY THE END OF TODAY – Larry Merrill**

**9:00 AM CONTINUED WQGIT DISCUSSION OF WORKGROUP PRIORITIES – WQGIT members**

WQGIT members will discuss:

- What resources and how much time would it take to address this priority?
- Based on the above, does the WQGIT agree this should be address in the midpoint assessment?
- If yes, what are the next steps, who is taking them on, and by when? Provide dates by which workgroups, others would come back to WQGIT with more fleshed out work plans

**10:30 Break**

**10:45: CONTINUED WQGIT DISCUSSION OF WORKGROUP PRIORITIES – WQGIT members**

**12:30 PM Group Lunch**

**1:30 PM RECAP OF DECISIONS AND FLESHING OUT OF SCHEDULE, WORK PLAN AND ACTION ITEMS FOR WORKGROUPS – Larry Merrill and Russ Baxter**

**DECISIONS REQUESTED:**

- What are priority actions to include in the midpoint assessment related to past 2 days of discussion?
- What is the updated schedule for moving forward with these priorities within the midpoint assessment?
- What are the key data/information/decisions needed in order to meet/maintain this schedule?
- What are action items for the workgroups?
- What are action items /decisions that the WQGIT needs to make?

- What are action items for staff?
- What items need to be teed up for the Mangement Board and/or the Principals' Staff Committee (particularly if they will be meeting before the next WQGIT call)?
- Likely defer to a future call: How to communicate the midpoint assessment to partners and the public?

**PRESENTATION:** *Presentation I2: Summary of Decisions and Working Updates to Schedule*

**3:30 PM Adjourn – Safe Travels and Thank You for Your Time!** (*consider pushing back to allow more time for end of meeting recap*)

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