

**Budget and Finance Workgroup
Winter 2021 Quarterly Meeting
Meeting Agenda**



Date: January 27, 2021

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Conference Call via Webex

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Members

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Michelle Guck, EPA (Coordinator)	Kristin Saunders, UMCES
Chantal Madray, CRC (Staff)	Ann Jennings, VA DNR
Garrett Stewart, CRC (Staff)	John Maleri, DC DOEE
Greg Allen, EPA	Paul Emmart MDE
Jana Davis, CBT	Jennifer Starr, ACB
Megan Granato, MD DNR	Cassandra Davis, NY DEC
Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP	

Agenda Item, Discussion Lead, and Description	Time	Materials, Notes, and Action Items
I. Introductions, Announcements, and Order of the Day (<u>Discussion Leads:</u> Bill Jenkins, EPA and Elliott Campbell, MD DNR) <i>A recap of action items from our previous meeting, including progress made and next steps.</i>	2:00 pm – 2:05 pm	Announcements: 2021 BFWG Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 28, 2021 July 28, 2021 October 27, 2021
II. Clean Water SRF: Lessons Learned & Status Updates (<u>Discussion Lead:</u> Michelle Guck, EPA) <i>Following the Fall quarterly BFWG, interested parties continued discussions on CWSRF in the Bay Watershed, exploring partnership opportunities and work that advances Bay agreement goals. We will report out to the larger group and share highlights of these lessons, and open for larger discussion.</i>	2:05 pm – 2:35 pm	Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes and supporting materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financing options for Nontraditional Eligibilities in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program
III. Integrating DEIJ Into Our Work: Diversity Action Team Update (<u>Discussion Leads:</u> Tuana Phillips, EPA and Ivan Hernandez, CRC) <i>Tuana and Ivan will provide an update on the work of the Diversity Action Team and facilitate a discussion on how workgroup members can help advance their work.</i>	2:35 pm – 3:10 pm	Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEIJ Strategy
IV. Break	3:10 pm – 3:15 pm	

V. Review comments received on BFWG Charge (Discussion Leads: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR and Michelle Guck, EPA)	3:15 pm – 3:40 pm	Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BFWG Charge • Comments received (posted online)
VI. Workgroup Member Updates/Announcements (Discussion Leads: Bill Jenkins, EPA and Elliott Campbell, MD DNR) <p>A) Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC) 2020 EC Recommendation: Restoration Economy: Update (Discussion Lead: Elliott Campbell, MD DNR and, Michelle Guck, EPA)</p> <p>B) CBARA Update (Discussion Lead: Michelle Guck, EPA)</p> <p>C) Conowingo Finance Strategy Update (Discussion Lead: Michelle Guck, EPA)</p> <p>D) Budget Impacts as a Result of COVID-19 (Discussion Leads: Bill Jenkins, EPA) <i>Bill will provide updates and lead a discussion on potential long-term budget impacts as they relate to COVID-19. Question to ponder: How might we link CBP work to economic recovery?</i></p>	2:40 pm – 3:00 pm	Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chesapeake Bay Restoration Spending Crosscut Report to Congress November 2020 • Conowingo Finance Strategy available on Conowingo WIP Steering committee website <p>ACTION: Jim Edward Bill Jenkins and Michelle Guck will set up time with Meg Granato and Elliott Campbell to discuss MD DNR’s efforts on job creation/water restoration programs (to help move the CAC recommendation on restoration economy forward within the CBP). <i>In Progress</i></p> <p>ACTION: Jim Edward Bill Jenkins and Michelle Guck will talk to EPA Headquarters and the National Center for Environmental Economics to learn more about in-house work done related to restoration economy topic/inquire about what programs they have access to through contractors (to help move the CAC recommendation on restoration economy forward within the CBP). <i>In Progress</i></p> <p>ACTION: Michelle Guck will talk to Carin Bisland about working with the contract facilitator to integrate Finance into the Biennial Meeting. <i>In Progress</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss outcome of Forestry Workgroup finance coach session at future BFWG meeting? <p>ACTION: Dave Goshorn, Kristin Saunders and Elliott Campbell will look-into whether background finance training for the PSC and Conowingo Steering Committee is possible. <i>In Progress</i></p> <p>ACTION: Kristin Saunders will look-into seeing whether any excess consulting hours/dollars can be re-programmed to help with other efforts (PSC/Conowingo Steering Committee members). <i>In Progress</i></p>

Completed Actions & Decisions

ACTION: **Michelle Guck** and **Chantal Madray** will include time for a follow-up discussion on further CWSRF collaboration at the January 2021 meeting (or before the meeting if schedules permit). - Interested Parties: Meg Granato, Michael Roberts, Paul Emmart, Elliott Campbell

ACTION: **Michelle Guck** and **Chantal Madray** will incorporate agenda item on DEIJ in future meeting agenda.