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Management Board Meeting

February 27, 2025
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to hear Goal Implementation Team (GIT) recommendations and discuss Management Board member preferences for the disposition of existing Outcomes from the 2014 Watershed Agreement. This Outcome Review Meeting will be conducted in accordance with the [framework](#) agreed to by the Management Board. This is the second of three Outcome Review Meetings. The third meeting will be hosted on March 13th and will focus on existing Outcomes not covered during the first two meetings.

Outcome Review Structure: As described in the [Outcome Review Meeting Framework](#), each Outcome Review agenda item below will be facilitated by Sherry Witt, GDIT, and will be comprised of:

- 3 minutes - Outcome Lead succinctly review GIT advice on Outcome disposition.
- 7 minutes - Signatory round-robin on Outcome disposition perspectives.
- 10 minutes - Facilitated discussion on voting and non-voting Management Board member perspectives, clarifying questions, and identification of additional work by or information needed from GITs.

Agenda

I. Meeting Introductions

(9:00 – 9:20)

Lee McDonnell, MB Acting Chair, will kick-off the meeting and Amy Handen, EPA, will administer roll call. Sarah Brzezinski, EPA, will provide an overview of the meeting purpose and framework. Meeting facilitator Sherry Witt, GDIT, will review ground rules and procedures for the meeting.

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.
- b. *Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA; Amy Handen, EPA; Sarah Brzezinski, EPA; and Sherry Witt, GDIT*
- c. Materials:
 - i. Presentation: Outcome Review Meeting Administrative Slides

II. Outcome Review: Stewardship (9:20 – 9:40)

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.
- b. *Presenters: Britt Slattery, NPS, Fostering Chesapeake Stewardship GIT5 Coordinator*
- c. Materials:
 - i. Document: Modified Outcome Review Document – Stewardship
 - ii. Presentation: Outcome Disposition Recommendation

III. Outcome Review: Stream Health (9:40- 10:00)

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.
- b. *Presenters: Alison Santoro, MD DNR, Stream Health Workgroup Co-Chair*
- c. Materials:
 - i. Document: Modified Outcome Review Document – Stream Health
 - ii. Presentation: Outcome Disposition Recommendation

IV. Outcome Review: Brook Trout (10:00– 10:20)

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.
- b. *Presenters: Dan Goetz, MD DNR, Brook Trout Workgroup Co-Chair*
- c. Materials:
 - i. Document: Modified Outcome Review Document – Brook Trout
 - ii. Presentation: Outcome Disposition Recommendation

V. Outcome Review: Land Use Methods and Metrics Development

(10:20 – 10:40)

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.
- b. *Presenters: Peter Claggett, USGS, Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT 4 Coordinator*
- c. Materials:
 - i. Document: Modified Outcome Review Document – Land Use Methods and Metrics Development
 - ii. Presentation: Outcome Disposition Recommendation

VI. Break (10:40 – 10:55)

VII. Outcome Review: Land Use Options Evaluation (10:55– 11:15)

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.
- b. *Presenters: Deborah Herr Cornwell, MD DEP, Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT 4 Vice Chair*

- c. Materials:
 - i. Document: Modified Outcome Review Document – Land Use Options Evaluation
 - ii. Presentation: Outcome Disposition Recommendation

VIII. Outcomes Review: Healthy Watersheds (11:15– 11:35)

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.
- b. *Presenters: Jeff Lerner, EPA, Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT 4 Chair*
- c. Materials:
 - i. Document: Modified Outcome Review Document – Healthy Watersheds
 - ii. Presentation: Outcome Disposition Recommendation

IX. Outcome Review: Tree Canopy (11:35– 11:55)

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.
- b. *Presenters: Anne Hairston Strang, MD FS, Forestry Workgroup Chair*
- c. Materials:
 - i. Document: [Modified Outcome Review Document – Tree Canopy](#)
 - ii. Presentation: Outcome Disposition Recommendation

X. Outcome Review: Forest Buffers (11:55 – 12:15)

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.
- b. *Presenters: Katie Brownson, USFS, Forestry Workgroup Chair*
- c. Materials:
 - i. Document: [Modified Outcome Review Document – Forest Buffers](#)
 - ii. Presentation: Outcome Disposition Recommendation

XI. Lunch (12:15 –12:45)

XII. Outcome Review: Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring (12:45 – 1:05)

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.
- b. *Presenters: Ken Hyer, USGS, STAR Chair*
- c. Materials:
 - i. Document: Modified Outcome Review Document – Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring
 - ii. Presentation: Outcome Disposition Recommendation

XIII. Outcome Review: 2017 Watershed Implementation Plan Outcome and 2025 Watershed Implementation Plan Outcome

(1:05 – 1:25)

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion and presentation only.
- b. *Presenters: Suzanne Trevena, EPA, Water Quality GIT 3 Chair*
- c. Materials:
 - i. Document: Modified Outcome Review Document – 2017 Watershed

- Implementation Plan
- ii. Document: Modified Outcome Review Document – 2025 Watershed Implementation Plan
- iii. Presentation: Outcome Disposition Recommendation

XIV. Open Comment Period (1:25 – 1:55)

This session is intended to provide time for comments from any interested public who may have questions or comments on material discussed today. As time allows, feedback may be received from Chesapeake Bay Program partners. Please limit comments to three-minutes maximum. This is not intended as an opportunity to read in written testimony for the record. If entities/individuals have written comments they want to provide to the Chesapeake Bay Program, please submit them to:

comments@chesapeakebay.net.

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion only.
- b. Presenters: *Sherry Witt, GDIT, and Lee McDonnell, EPA*
- c. Materials: None.

XV. Pulse Check: Survey (1:55 – 2:00)

- a. Requested Action: Voting and non-voting Management Board members complete a Pulse Check to record their Outcome disposition preferences.
- b. Presenters: *Sarah Brzezinski, EPA, and Sherry Witt, GDIT*
- c. Materials:
 - i. Spreadsheet: Outcome Disposition Pulse Check 2025 – editorial access will be provided only to individuals completing the Pulse Check on behalf of their organization or entity.

XVI. Break (2:00 – 2:15)

XVII. Pulse Check: Summary (2:15 – 2:25)

Management Board member disposition preferences for each Outcome will be reviewed based on Pulse Check responses. Pulse Check results for each Outcome will be presented to either confirm commonalities or identify discrepancies.

- a. Requested Action: Non decisional; Discussion only.
- b. Presenters: *Sarah Brzezinski, EPA, and Sherry Witt, GDIT*
- c. Materials:
 - i. Spreadsheet: Outcome Disposition Pulse Check 2025

XVIII. Discuss Discrepancies and Next Steps (2:25 – 2:55)

Through a facilitated discussion, Management Board members will seek to understand sources of discrepancy and opportunity for reconciliation. Time will be devoted to determining what additional information and/or work is needed to adjust sentiments. Parties who need to be involved in follow-up conversations will be identified.

- a. Requested Action: Participation in follow-up conversations, as appropriate.
- b. Presenters: *Sherry Witt, GDIT, Lee McDonnell, EPA and Sarah Brzezinski, EPA,*

c. Materials:

XIX. Wrap Up and Adjourn

(2:55 – 3:00)