



Management Board
January 12, 2023
Actions/Decisions

Partner Updates

Citizen's Advisory Committee Renamed Stake Holder Advisory Committee

During their December 7-8 Quarterly Meeting. The formerly named Citizen's Advisory Committee came to a consensus to change the committee's name to the Stake Holder Advisory Committee.

Enacting the DEIJ Implementation Plan

During today's meeting, the Diversity Workgroup introduced Resolve Conservation, a contractor helping to enact the DEIJ Implementation Plan. Resolve Conservation is a woman and immigrant led DEIJ consulting company dedicated to addressing environmental and conservation justice through organizational culture change.

SRS Biennial Meeting

The SRS Biennial Meeting is being planned for May 11-12, 2023 at the Graduate Hotel in Charlottesville, VA with a mixed in person/hybrid format. Further updates will be given to the Management Board and posted to the Chesapeake Bay Program Calendar page as we approach the meeting date.

Strategic Communications Plan RFP

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is seeking assistance in developing and executing an approach for gathering feedback and other necessary information to guide the formation of a new five-year strategic communications plan. The RFP for this project can be found at this link:

<https://d18lev1ok5leia.cloudfront.net/chesapeakebay/documents/2023-27-Strategic-Communications-Plan-RFP.pdf>

New Fish Passage Co-Chairs

The Fish Passage Workgroup welcomes Jim Thompson (MDNR) and Ray Li (USFWS) as their new co-chairs.

Featured Collection: Climate change in the Chesapeake Bay published by American Water Resources Association:

The Journal of the American Water Resources Association (JAWRA) recently published a featured collection of publications which describe a wide range of recent model activities which illustrate the impact of climate change on the Chesapeake Bay. Read the article here:

<https://d18lev1ok5leia.cloudfront.net/chesapeakebay/documents/Cerco-FC-Introduction-Climate-Change-in-Chesapeake-Bay-12-22.pdf>

Joint USDA-EPA Task Force on Crediting Bay Conservation Investments

The Joint USDA-EPA Task Force on Crediting Bay Conservation Investments is an ad-hoc independent team convened to appropriately credit agricultural conservation efforts by developing a full accounting of conservation practices, identify and verify expired practices, expand crediting and improve efficiency.

- **Action:** Management Board members are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the Task Force by January 31. Representatives will be expected to meet on a bi-monthly basis.
 - Each State nominate 2-3 reps
 - USGS nominate 2-3 reps
 - EPA nominate 2-3 reps
 - USDA nominate 6-8 reps (NRCS, FSA, NASS, FS)
 - Include brief professional narrative detailing knowledge and experience related to technical practice standards, reporting/ crediting methodologies, and federal policies and programs.
 - Email nominations to Kelly Shenk and Leon Tillman
 - Subject Line: “Federal Crediting Task Force”
 - shenk.kelly@epa.gov; leon.tillman@usda.gov

2025 and Beyond: Next Steps for the Watershed Agreement and Bay TMDL

During its December 19 meeting, the Principals’ Staff Committee delegated to the Management Board the task of developing and prioritizing recommendations for actions the partners will take to meet the goals and outcomes of the *2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement* leading up to and beyond 2025. During today’s meeting Carin Bisland led an initial discussion about potential organizational structures and processes needed to develop recommendations by the 2023 and 2024 Executive Council meetings (as set out in the charge from the Executive Council).

- **Decision Requested:** Feedback from the partners on a possible path forward for implementing the EC’s charge related to 2025 and Beyond.
- **Action:** A small ad hoc group will begin developing recommendations and partnership actions to meet the goals and outcomes of the *2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement* leading up to 2025. Members of the Management Board and interested parties are asked to volunteer for this effort by reaching out to Carin Bisland (bisland.carin@epa.gov) by January 26. The ad hoc team will report back to the Management Board and the Principals’ Staff Committee on their recommendations as they are developed, leading up to the 2023 EC meeting.
- **Action:** Management Board Members are asked to continue to contribute ideas for the ad hoc team to the Jamboard link provided during the meeting(<https://jamboard.google.com/d/1ISQgL4pwzjx1kdnayj-2eYRgh3Pu-aNoccr5UzCCew/edit?usp=sharing>).
- **Action:** Due to time constraints during today’s meeting, CBPO Staff will return to the Management Board at the February 22 meeting to discuss the path forward and timeline for developing recommendations beyond 2025.

