



Management Board Meeting

September 11, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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Purpose: The purpose of the Management Board (MB) meeting will be to discuss topics related to the final revisions to the *Watershed Agreement* based on public feedback, as well as receive an update on the plan to develop recommendations on the governance and structure of the partnership. Decisions will be made on the following topics: watershed model development, *Watershed Agreement* time horizon, Agreement outcomes with placeholders, and Management Strategy development.

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- I. **Meeting Introductions** **8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.**
Lee McDonnell, MB Acting Chair, will kick-off the meeting and facilitate agenda topics. Amy Handen, EPA, will administer roll call.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only
Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA and Amy Handen, EPA
Materials: None
- II. **Review August MB Meeting Actions and Decisions** **8:35 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.**
The purpose of this agenda topic is to review the actions and decisions from the July 10 MB meeting.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only
Facilitator: Lee McDonnell, EPA
Materials:
II. Actions and Decisions: August 2025 MB Meeting
- III. **Frequency of Watershed Model Updates** **8:40 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.**
The purpose of this agenda item is to make a decision to direct the WQGIT to provide recommendations for improvements to the frequency of model version updates for CAST under the Phase 7 suite of models. This item follows a July 10 meeting action, which requested that EPA return to the MB with a more refined decision statement.

Requested Action: **Decisional; agreement to direct the WQGIT to provide recommendations for improvements to the frequency of model version updates.**
Facilitator: Lee McDonnell, EPA; Bo Williams, EPA
Materials:
III. Presentation: Frequency of Watershed Model Updates
- IV. **Watershed Agreement Public Feedback Overview** **8:50 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.**
The purpose of this agenda topic is to provide a high-level overview of the public feedback received, including comment themes, sticky points, and outstanding issues to be resolved.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only
Facilitator: Rachel Felver, ACB; Leila Duman, MD DNR; Ken Hyer, USGS; Cassandra Davis, NY DEC; Jess Blackburn, ACB
Materials: TBD
- V. **Break** **10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**
- VI. **Watershed Agreement Time Horizons** **10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

The purpose of this agenda item is to make a decision on the need for a Goal attainment time horizon under the revised *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*. Details resulting from this decision will be resolved at the MB Retreat for approval by the PSC.

Requested Action: **Decisional; agreement on the need for a Goal attainment time horizon in the final Agreement.**

Facilitator: Anna Killius, CBC

Materials:

VI. Presentation: Watershed Agreement Time Horizons

VII. Watershed Agreement Placeholders

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to make a decision on if placeholders will be included in the final version of the revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. During this agenda topic, MB members will (1) hear brief presentations on the values that are being proposed to replace the placeholders in target language, (2) discuss a path forward for targets with placeholders that will not have values defined prior to finalization of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, and (3) discuss a path forward to identify values for placeholders within the Management Strategies section of the Agreement. Discussion of these agenda items will support decisions at the MB retreat.

Requested Action: **Decisional; agreement on if placeholders will be included in the final Agreement.**

Facilitator: Sarah Brzezinski, EPA; Sophie Waterman, USGS; Katie Brownson, USFS; and Gina Hunt, MD DNR

Materials: TBD

VIII. Watershed Agreement Management Strategy Development

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to make a decision on if signatory partners and federal agencies can commit to "signing up" to participate in the development of Management Strategies prior to the 2025 EC meeting. The process leading up to the 2014 release of a backgrounder identifying similar signatory and federal participation will be reviewed and a potential path forward will be proposed. Topics to be discussed include when partners will sign up to participate in the development of the strategies, what committing to the development of a Management Strategy means, and what group(s) will be tasked with developing the strategies next year. This will serve as a discussion in advance of a decision at the retreat.

Requested Action: **Decisional; agreement if signatory partners and federal agencies can commit to "signing up" to participate in the development of Management Strategies prior to the 2025 EC meeting.**

Facilitator: Sarah Brzezinski, EPA; Leila Duman, MD DNR

Materials: TBD

IX. Break

12:15 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.

X. Governance and Structure

12:25 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda topic is to provide an update on the Governance and Accountability Team and the proposal to develop one set of recommendations to the EC for structure and governance.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion and presentation only

Facilitator: Ken Hyer, USGS; Kevin McLean; VADEQ

Materials: TBD

XI. Retreat Planning

12:55 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an overview of the draft agenda, review the decisions that will be made at the retreat, and the decision-making process. MB will discuss EPA collecting 'stops/holds' on the redlined version of the agreement by noon on September 26th so that there is an understanding of the outstanding issues to facilitate the retreat agenda setting and decision-making process.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Lee McDonnell, EPA

Materials:

XI. Agenda: MB Fall Retreat 2025

XII. Announcements / Business Meeting

1:15 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity for the MB members to offer any brief updates on items of interest to the MB.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Lee McDonnell, EPA

Materials: N/A

XIII. Review of Actions and Decisions

1:25 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The purpose of this agenda item is to recap the decisions and actions captured from the day's discussions and deliberations.

Requested Action: Non-decisional; Discussion only.

Facilitator: Amy Handen, EPA

Materials: N/A

XIV. Wrap Up and Adjourn

1:30 p.m.