



Principals' Staff Committee

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April 6, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions

(10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.)

Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Adam Ortiz, will open the meeting, welcome PSC members, and review the agenda and actions/decisions from the December 2022 PSC meeting.

Materials:

I. Actions/Decisions from December 19, 2022 PSC meeting

II. Next Steps for the Watershed Agreement: Reaching 2025 and Beyond 2025

(10:05 a.m.– 10:35 a.m.)

The Executive Council, at its October 2022 meeting, charged the PSC with recommending a critical path forward that prioritizes and outlines the next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the *Watershed Agreement* leading *up to and beyond 2025*. Planning for how to implement the EC's charge are underway and being overseen by the Management Board. Since October, a small group dedicated to developing recommendations for "Reaching 2025" was formed and is in early stages of developing an assessment and communications plan. In addition, a steering committee is being formed to develop recommendations for "2025 and Beyond." Updates will be provided by both groups.

Decision requested: None; update only.

Presenters: Reaching 2025: Sean Corson (NOAA)

Beyond 2025: Anna Killius (Chesapeake Bay Commission) and Lee McDonnell (EPA, CBPO)

Relevant outcomes: All

Materials:

II.a. Presentation: Reaching 2025

II.b. Presentation: 2025 and Beyond

II.c. Outcome Status Summary

II.d. EC Charge to the PSC

- III. Update on Resolution of CAST Issues** (10:35 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)
- Since the PSC’s special meeting in August 2022 to discuss partner concerns related to the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST)-2021, the partners have held several follow-up meetings and reached consensus to approve CAST-21 and CAST-23 after fertilizer revisions have been implemented. CBP staff will provide updates on each of the PSC’s three decisions on CAST including an update on the implementation of the fertilizer action plan and how the partnership will deal with unaccounted loads.
- Decision Requested: None; update only.
- Facilitator: Dave Goshorn (MD),
- Presenters: Lee McDonnell (EPA), Tom Butler (EPA), Gary Shenk (USGS), Ruth Cassilly (UMD)
- Relevant Outcomes: Water Quality and multiple other outcomes
- Materials:
- III.a. Presentation: update on Decision 1, “unaccounted additional loads”
- III.b. Presentation: update on Decision 2, “Fertilizer Action Plan”
- III.c. Presentation: Decisions 3, “Data Abnormalities/illogical results”
- IV. Update on PSC’s Monitoring Report** (11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)
- The PSC asked the CBPO in March 2021 to assess the level of funding needed to improve the CBP Monitoring Networks to enable the partners to tell the story of progress. The partnership developed an analysis in summer 2022. This session is a follow up to that report including current enhancements to the Monitoring Program and a brief update on data availability and assistance with interpreting data.
- Decision Requested: none; informational only.
- Presenter: Lee McDonnell, Chief, EPA Science, Analysis, and Implementation Branch
- Relevant outcomes: Water Quality outcome and multiple others.
- Materials:
- IV. Presentation: Monitoring Report update
- V. Executive Council Meeting Planning and 40th Anniversary** (11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
- A committee has been formed to begin planning for the 2023 Executive Council meeting which will mark the 40th anniversary of the Chesapeake Bay Program. The CBP Communications Office will provide an update on current planning efforts around both the EC meeting and celebrations related to the 40th anniversary of the CBP partnership.
- Decision Requested: None; informational only
- Presenter: Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director
- Relevant outcomes: All
- Materials:
- V. Executive Council Meeting Planning and 40th Anniversary
- VI. Latest Developments on the Conowingo WIP Phased Approach** (11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)
- During its July 2022 meeting, the PSC reached consensus that the Susquehanna jurisdictions (PA, NY, and MD) can address the Conowingo nutrients loads through the actions outlined in the Conowingo WIP using a phased approach that extends beyond 2025. This session is an update on the latest developments related to the Conowingo WIP and its phased approach to

dealing with nutrient loads as well as EPA's draft Conowingo WIP Expectations and jurisdiction responses.

Decision Requested: Informational only.

Presenters: Matthew Rowe, Conowingo Steering Committee Co-chair

Relevant Outcomes: 2025 WIP Outcomes

Materials:

VI.a. Presentation: Update on the Conowingo WIP

VI.b. EPA Expectations Implementation of the Conowingo WIP Phased Approach

VII. Business Meeting (11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

PSC Chair Adam Ortiz will facilitate a discussion on the following topics:

- **Change of Name for Citizen's Advisory Committee (for EC Approval)**
- **Update on allocation of funds to states/DC, infrastructure grants, and overall appropriations**
- **Summary of Wetland Workshop and Action Plan**
- Partner Updates
- Future Agenda Items
- CBP Program Update

Materials:

VII. CBP Program Update

VIII. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn (12:00 p.m.)