



Principals' Staff Committee

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July 21, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

In person location: 1750 Forest Drive, Suite 130, Annapolis, MD 21401

Meeting Purpose: Briefings and discussions about the programmatic work and scientific findings to help the partnership prepare for the October Executive Council and the work ahead related to the EC's Charge on Reaching and Beyond 2025.

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 April 6, 2023, PSC meeting.
Materials:
I. Actions/Decisions from April 6, 2023 PSC meeting
- II. CAC Name Change to Stakeholders Advisory Committee** (10:05 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.)
The Citizen's Advisory Committee is requesting a name change to be more inclusive of all those in the watershed who are involved in restoration and protection efforts.
Presenter: Julie Lawson, CAC Chair
Requested action: Change the name of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to Stakeholder's Advisory Committee. The new name will be reflected in updates to the 2014 Watershed Agreement, CBP Governance Document, all CBP web pages and other places as appropriate.
Materials:
II. Presentation: CAC name change
- III. Overview of Recent STAC Reports** (10:10 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.)
 - a. STAC Rising Water Temperatures Report** (15 minutes)
On March 24, the CBP's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) released a workshop report: "Rising Temperatures in Chesapeake Bay and Watershed; Management Responses to Ecological Impacts." The report outlines key management and research recommendations, the causes and effects of rising water temperatures, and actions for moving forward. A high-level overview of the report findings will be followed by a discussion about possible partnership responses to those findings.
Presenter: Bill Dennison, UMCES (tentative)
Requested action: none; informational

Materials:

III.a. Presentation: Rising Temperatures

III.b. STAC Rising Water Temperatures Report

b. STAC CESR Report: Key Findings and Plans for a Partnership Response (30 minutes)

On May 9, the CBP's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) released its final independent report: "Achieving Water Quality Goals in the Chesapeake Bay: A Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR)." Four years in the making, the report is an analysis of why progress meeting the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load and achieving healthy water quality standards in the Bay has been slower than expected. It also identifies opportunities for improving the effectiveness of the Bay Program's water quality management programs and living resource response.

Presenters: Kurt Stephenson (Virginia Tech) and Denice Wardrop (CRC)

Requested action: Feedback on the key report findings and begin consideration of which findings should be highlighted for the Executive Council.

Materials:

III.c. Presentation: CESR Report

III.d. Water Quality GIT CESR webinar

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

(10:55 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.)

The Executive Council, at its October 2022 meeting, charged the PSC with recommending a 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.

Steering committees have been formed for "Reaching 2025" and for "Beyond 2025." The Reaching 2025 Committee has focused efforts on developing an assessment and communications plan with a report due to the Executive Council during their October 2023 meeting. The Beyond 2025 steering committee met for the first time on June 22 to discuss plans for developing a workplan to meet the Beyond 2025 EC Charge; establish the committee's steering process; and determine approaches for meaningful public dialogue. Updates will be provided by both groups.

a. Reaching 2025: Overview of Draft Report (15 minutes)

A presentation outlining the contents of the draft report, the high-level recommendations and the timeline for PSC approval of the final report and recommendations by September 26, 2023.

Presenter: Sean Corson, NOAA

Requested decision: Approve the schedule for the final report.

Materials:

IV.a. Presentation: Reaching 2025

IV.b. Draft Reaching 2025 Report and Recommendations

b. Beyond 2025: Steering Committee Establishment and First Meeting (10 minutes)

A presentation on the development of the steering committee, scope, process, plans for stakeholder/public engagement in response to the Executive Council's directive on Reaching and Beyond 2025.

Presenters: Anna Killius (CBC) and Martha Shimkin (EPA)

Requested action: Informational only

Materials:

IV.c. Presentation: Beyond 2025

V. CAST Update on Progress, Process and Timeline (11:20 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.)

The partnership continues to work together to address concerns related to the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST)-2021 and to resolve the three actions from the PSC's August 2022 meeting. This is an update on the partners' progress to date.

Relevant Outcomes: Water Quality and multiple others

Presenters: Lee McDonell (EPA), Norm Goulet (Northern Virginia Regional Commission), Cassie Davis (New York), Ruth Cassilly (UMCES), Tom Butler (EPA)

Materials:

V. Presentation: CAST Briefing

VI. Conowingo Phased Approach (11:35 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 from the Steering Committee co-chairs on the latest developments on pay for performance/funding, MOU with SRBC, Outreach with Octoraro Watershed, and completing the BMP opportunity analysis.

Presenters: Matt Rowe (Md.), Jill Whitcomb (Pa.), Conowingo Steering Committee Co-chairs

Materials:

VI. Presentation: Conowingo

VII. EC Planning and 40th Anniversary (11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

An update on planning activities in preparation for the October (tentative) Executive Council meeting.

Presenter: Greg Barranco (Partnerships Team Lead), Jake Solyst (Web Content Manager)

Requested action: informational only

Materials:

VII. Presentation: EC Planning and 40th Anniversary

VIII. Business Meeting (12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

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

- Review Actions/Decisions
- Partner Updates
- Future Agenda Items
- CBP Program Update

Materials:

X. CBP Program Update

IX. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn (12:15 p.m.)

LUNCH (12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Tour of the United States Naval Academy (1:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

A guided tour of the US Naval Academy to include an overview of the campus with some of the challenges/problems they're experiencing, a discussion about the USNA's newly released resilience plans including highlights of project purpose, DOD's Resiliency Guidance, stormwater and flooding mitigation features, and more. May also include an overview of Downtown Annapolis's City Dock flood mitigation plans and projects.

Presenters: Kevin DuBois, DOD/Navy (*tentative*), Zoe Johnson (US Naval Academy)

Materials:

USNA Resiliency Plan: Executive Summary

- <https://www.usna.edu/PAO/documents/NSAA-USNA-MIRP-Executive-Summary.pdf>

USNA Resiliency Plan: Press Release