

CBP Principals' Staff Committee
Actions and Decisions
April 17, 2013

Agreement Options

- Decision: The Principals' Staff Committee agreed to pursue a comprehensive Chesapeake Bay Agreement with over-arching goals and specific, time-bound outcomes. Signatories to the Agreement will include all seven jurisdictions, the Chesapeake Bay Commission (CBC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on behalf of the federal government and the Federal Leadership Committee (FLC).
 - The outcomes will be adopted by the Chesapeake Executive Council upon signature of the agreement with an understanding that those outcomes may be updated or revised by the Principals' Staff Committee in the future.
 - A section on “principles” will call for a governance document and management strategies.
 - Management strategies for each outcome will be developed by the Goal Implementation Teams and managed at the Management Board level. The strategies would identify the jurisdictions and federal agencies who agree to work toward that outcome, actions that would be taken, metrics and how progress would be measured.
 - The governance document would be developed at a later date and through a separate process. It would delineate the overall governance of the partnership, the relationship and role of the federal agencies and clarify EPA’s role as a partner separate from its oversight role for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.
 - The Partnerships and Management Goal Team (GIT 6) is charged with developing initial drafts of the Agreement and the Management Board and Goal Implementation Teams will continue to lead the development of the goals and outcomes.

Executive Council 2013 Meeting:

- Decision: Agreed that the 2013 Executive Council meeting will be delayed until late-September/early-October to provide time for development of the new Chesapeake Bay Agreement and to plan a celebration for the 30th anniversary of the Chesapeake Bay Program.
 - The standing EC Planning Committee will continue its work for the fall meeting.
 - A separate planning committee will plan exploring ideas and arrangements for the 30th anniversary of the CBP. Anyone interested in serving on that committee should contact Al Todd at the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay at atodd@allianceforthebay.org.

5 Year Report to Congress:

- Action: The five-year Report to Congress on the progress of restoration efforts for the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem—required by Section 117 of the Clean Water Act—is currently under development. This report will help analyze the success of past management strategies and bring closure to the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement. CBPO intends to complete the report in time for the fall EC meeting. Any members interested in developing the report should contact Greg Barranco via email (barranco.greg@epa.gov) at the CBPO.

Next PSC Meeting:

- The next PSC meeting is targeted for early June.
- Topics for the next PSC meeting:
 - Discussion on draft Agreement, over-arching goals and outcomes
 - Planning for the fall EC meeting
 - Planning for the 30th anniversary celebration of the CBP