

**Actions and Decisions
Principals' Staff Committee
March 7, 2013**

Draft 2012 Progress Report

- Action: Comments on the 2012 Progress Report are due on Friday March 15.

Goals and Governance Discussion

- Action: Send February Management Board minutes to PSC members to review the decision process on eliminating certain options.

Participatory Agreement

- Decision: PSC will consider both options (comprehensive and bifurcated agreement styles at the next meeting and decide on the best option to proceed with.

Executive Council Membership

- Action: Develop the non-TMDL option in more detail.
- Action: Provide the language in the Farm Bill that extends the offer to USDA to be a member of the CBP's EC. USDA is currently a participating partner, but they have not signed on to a Chesapeake Bay Agreement.
- Decision: Modify Option 3 – Federal representation will be one EPA voice, plus no more than two additional Federal representatives from the Federal Leadership Committee, for a possible total of up to three federal representatives.
 - This idea was reviewed by the federal agencies during a conference call on March 19, 2013 and it was rejected.
- Decision: Keep Options 1 through 3 for now.

PSC Participation

- Decision: Status Quo, and Options 1 and 2 will continue to be considered.
- Action: Clarify the regional representation.

MB and PSC Voting Approaches

- Decision: These options require more information and a more thorough discussion before decisions can be made. These issues should be taken up at a later date.

MB, PSC and EC Decision Making

- Decision: Decision should be made on these issues after the participation and agreement decisions are made.
- Decision: All three options will remain.

Updating Goals

- Decision: These options should be considered after the participation and agreement decisions are made.

Next Steps

- Action: Agreed to hold a special decision-oriented PSC call within the next 2-3 weeks to make more informed decisions on the agreement and membership/participation options, with other option decisions flowing from these at the May meeting.
 - Completed April 17, 2013.

- Action: Agreed to hold a federal partners call before the next PSC call.
 - Completed on March 19, 2013.
- Action: Goal Team 6 will build out the options and provide more detail information for the special PSC call and the May meeting. (The Management Board will not have another chance to revise these, but they will be updated of any changes.)
 - Completed
- Action: Provide comments to Hamid Karimi on the Sustainable Urban Watersheds presentation by March 29.
 - Completed.
- Action: PSC members are asked to identify their representatives for the 2013 EC Planning Committee. Representatives should contact Margaret Enloe in the CBP Communications office.
 - Completed.

Next PSC

- Proposed for late May; members will be polled about potential dates. (CBC requested May 8-10 be avoided since the Chesapeake Bay Commission's annual meeting is scheduled for that period.)
- Potential Agenda Items:
 - Final PSC decisions on governance options
 - BMP Verification
 - Sustainable Urban Watersheds
 - Possible effect of sequestration on our activities