



Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) Meeting

March 12, 2024

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Actions and Decisions

Success Sharing: Building on Partnership Successes Over the Years

Action: Maryland will work with the Chesapeake Bay Program Office to produce communication materials for the successes of the partnership that were shared at the March 2024 meeting.

Action: Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) leadership will add a recurring announcement to the business section of PSC meetings for signatories to share highlights of their programs on a regular basis.

Beyond 2025: Update & Discussion of Progress and Report out from the Symposium

Action: The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee (B25SC) leadership will:

- a) Provide the small-group one-pagers once those become available. Summary documents should identify whether or not these were consensus recommendations and members/organizations represented in reaching that consensus.
- b) Work with PSC Leadership to develop a plan that engages PSC members throughout the development of the final deliverables (vs. only at scheduled PSC meetings) to the Executive Council. The Steering Committee should consider the option of having a shared document across partners to provide edits as the final deliverables and findings of the Steering Committee evolve.
- c) Consult with PSC leadership on the expectations and details of the public comment period. This item will also be added to the March 2024 Management Board (MB) meeting agenda for further discussion.

Action: PSC leadership will organize a meeting with PSC signatory members (preferably in April, 2024) to gather feedback on the direction of the Beyond 2025 effort. This will be shared with the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee leadership.

Advisory Committee Reports

Action: The PSC and/or MB will hold a future discussion on the Advisory Committees' suggestions about how to improve engagement of the Committees throughout the partnership by developing specific assignments, refining membership roles, and improving correspondence.

USDA-EPA Task Force on Crediting Chesapeake Bay Conservation Investments

Action: The EPA-USDA Federal Crediting Task Force will return to the PSC and MB with their final “action plan” and to assign solutions to relevant Chesapeake Bay Program committees and workgroups.

Business Meeting

Update from Agriculture Advisory Committee Action Team

- **Post meeting clarification note:** Several PSC members indicated that the creation of an Agriculture Advisory Committee had already been decided upon and approved. However, the related decision language from the December 8, 2023 PSC meeting reflects that a formal decision on the creation of such a committee has not yet been reached. Answers to many critical questions about scope, operational cost responsibilities and legal restrictions need to be answered before a recommendation to the PSC can be made. The Action Team has been charged with addressing these questions.
 - The December actions/decisions language:
“In September, the PSC agreed to support the pursuit of an EC Directive to establish an Agricultural Advisory Committee.
Decision: The partners agreed to establish an action team to conduct the due diligence research for making a recommendation prior to creating the advisory committee. Final recommendations should be ready for PSC consideration in time for the June PSC meeting.”