

**Chesapeake Bay Program Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's
BMP Verification Steering Committee April 30, 2012 Conference Call
Summary of Decisions, Actions and Recommendations**

Options for Finalizing the Steering Committee's Charge, Membership, and Operations

Questions were raised about the Steering Committee and the BMP Verification Panel and their relationship with the BMP panels which have already been convened.

Clarified that the Steering Committee will not address protocols for certification of tradable credits—that is the responsibility of the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership's Trading and Offsets Workgroup.

Discussed the three options for how to proceed forward with the Steering Committee's charge, membership and operations.

DECISION: The Steering Committee decided the following in regards to finalizing its charge, membership and operations:

- Accepted the changes to the Steering Committee's charge, membership and operations as annotated in Attachment B using MSWord Track Changes;
- Added Jeff Sweeney, U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office (CBPO), to the list of CBPO Steering Committee support staff;
- Clarified that the Steering Committee will not address protocols for certification of tradable credits—that is the responsibility of the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership's Trading and Offsets Workgroup;
- Clarified the role of the Steering Committee relative to the Management Board and the Principals' Staff Committee in terms of decision making; and
- Changed the name to the "BMP Verification Committee" and change the expert panel's name to the "BMP Verification Expert Review Panel."

ACTION: CBPO staff will distribute the final Committee charge, membership and operations two-page document to all members.

Review of Revised Draft BMP Verification Principles

Committee member feedback on each of the nine draft BMP verification principles was incorporated into an edited version of the original Attachment C—see the attachment to conference call summary.

ACTION: CBPO staff will distribute the next version of the draft verification principles to all members for feedback and a request for any objections to sharing this version of the draft principles with the Partnership's Agriculture Workgroup in preparation for their May 10th workgroup meeting focused in developing the agricultural verification protocols.

Proposed Schedule of Conference Calls/Meetings and Topics to be Addressed

The Steering Committee briefly reviewed the proposed schedule for the coming weeks and months. Committee members asked that members be polled about the dates and times of their

availability within two-week intervals during the course of the summer months to factor in the timing of upcoming vacations.

ACTION: Rich Batiuk will send out a series of Doodle polls to the Committee members for nailing down dates for the two proposed face to face meetings in June and September as well as the dates and times for the proposed conference calls in May, July and August.

ACTION: Committee members will provide additional feedback on the proposed schedule and topics to be addressed directly to Rich Batiuk.

BMP Verification Steering Committee April 30, 2012 Conference Call Participants

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