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**CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
FEBRUARY 28, 2022 CONFERENCE CALL**

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Meeting Materials: [Link](#)

1:00 Welcome & Announcements – WQGIT Chair (30 min.)

In lieu of a verbal roll call, participants are asked to enter their name and affiliation in the WebEx chat. Anyone participating by phone is requested to verbally identify themselves.

Announcements:

- AgWG confirmed new at-large members and a Vice- chair – Loretta Collins, UMD- CBPO
- [EPA evaluation](#) of the Conowingo WIP
- STAC Workshop on PFAS to occur May 17-18, 2022
- WQGIT [Orientation Guide](#) now available – Jeremy Hanson, CRC
- **Next conference call:** March 28, 2022

Prior Business/ Outstanding Action Items:

- See latest Log of WQGIT Actions & Decisions
- Management Board confirmed WQGIT Chair and Vice- Chair – Jeremy Hanson, CRC
- BMPVAHAT Update on Partial Credit – Vanessa Van Note, EPA- CBPO
- WTWG Update on Excess (aka Cutoff)- Vanessa Van Note, EPA- CBPO / Cassandra Davis, NYSDEC
- USGS released video on [Nitrogen in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed: A Century of Change](#)

1:30 Phase 7 Update – Gary Shenk, USGS (15 min.)

Gary Shenk will provide an update on Phase 7 and discuss the five focus areas and how they combine to give the Partnership what they need for 2027.

1:45 Recommendations for Improving CBP Monitoring Networks for PSC Consideration – Peter Tango and Breck Sullivan, USGS (30 min.)

Peter Tango and Breck Sullivan will provide an overview of STAR's monitoring review and potential recommendations to the PSC.

2:15 Tidal Water Quality Change Update and Nutrient Trends Study – Breck Sullivan, USGS and Rebecca Murphy, UMCES (30 min.)

Breck Sullivan will provide an update on the newest tidal release and Rebecca Murphy will present on nutrient trends in the tidal waters of the Bay and how they link to loads from the Watershed.

- [*Tidal Water Quality Change*](#)
- [*Nutrient Improvements in Chesapeake Bay: Direct Effect of Load Reductions and Implications for Coastal Management*](#)

2:45 WQGIT Newsletter: Creating Connections – Jackie Pickford and Hilary Swartwood, CRC (30 min.)

Jackie Pickford and Hilary Swartwood will discuss the possibility of a quarterly newsletter, including what would be most valuable to the WQGIT/ WGs.

3:15 **(TENTATIVE)** CAST21 - Lee McDonnell, EPA CBPO (30 min.)

This is a placeholder to reserve time for updates/discussion with Lee following the Feb. 14 CAST21 webinar. This item is in flux and may be struck or modified prior to the call.

3:45 Recap of Actions and Decisions – Hilary Swartwood, CRC (10 min.)

Hilary Swartwood will recap the actions and decisions from today's meeting.

4:00 Adjourn