

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday August 28, 2023
Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern Time
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Agenda

Topic	Start time (duration)	Item Title <i>Item description</i>	Speaker(s) or presenter(s)
	1:00	Welcome and Introduction <i>We will use Webex for roll call purposes, so please ensure your name and affiliation are accurately captured in the WebEx participants list. If not, please enter your correct name & affiliation in the chat box. If multiple participants are joining through the same location, please enter your names in the chat box. Call-in participants are requested to identify themselves verbally.</i>	Suzanne Trevena, EPA, WQGIT Vice-Chair
	(20 min)	Announcements & Verbal Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WQGIT Coordinator Updates – Jeremy Hanson, CRC• Workgroup Updates (2 min or less, open to workgroup chairs or coordinators)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Federal Facilities Workgroup status	

- Agriculture WG: RI-9 and RI-10 practice credit duration
- Land Use WG: updated scope and purpose

Workgroup Governance	1:20 (10 min)	<p><u>Confirming new workgroup leadership</u></p> <p><i>The Wastewater Treatment and Forestry Workgroups recently each confirmed new Co-Chairs. Nominees in attendance will have an opportunity to briefly introduce themselves. Under WQGIT and CBP governance, the GIT is asked to concur with the appointment of workgroup leadership.</i></p> <p><i><u>WWTWG Co-Chair nominees:</u> Justin Carl (Alexandria Renew Enterprises); Jamie Mitchell (Hampton Roads Sanitation District)</i></p> <p><i><u>FWG Co-Chair nominees:</u> Anne Hairston-Strang (MD DNR); Kesha Braunskill (USFS)</i></p> <p>Decision requested: Confirmation of WWTWG Co-Chairs.</p> <p>Decision requested: Confirmation of FWG Co-Chairs.</p>	Suzanne Trevena, EPA
GIT Funding; Forest Buffer Outcome	1:30 (40 min)	<p><u>Riparian Forest Buffers Outcomes Fund</u></p> <p>EPIC will present work on a GIT-funded project to develop and initiate a Riparian Forest Buffer Outcomes Purchase Fund. The plan works to deeply understand current barriers and create an approach that mitigates them using a strong understanding of conservation finance and business plan development.</p> <p>Materials: Presentation; Report</p> <p>Informational only.</p>	Phoebe Higgins & Kavita Kapur Macleod, Environmental Policy Innovation Center (EPIC)
	2:10 (10 min)	<u>Break</u>	
WQGIT Governance	2:20 (20 min)	<p><u>WQGIT Changing Leadership and Next Steps</u></p> <p><i>Jeremy will review the WQGIT governance and next steps regarding the process of nominating new leadership. [recall action item from last month]</i></p> <p>Materials: None</p> <p>Informational only.</p>	Jeremy Hanson, CRC
Phase 6 CAST	2:40 (20 min)	<u>Unaccounted additional loads</u>	Gary Shenk, USGS

Gary will brief the WQGIT on the “unaccounted additional loads” concept as it is being presented to the management Board. This is intended to help WQGIT members who may need a refresher or update to help brief their Management Board members ahead of their September 5th meeting. This is in addition to the office hours available to the MB on Aug. 22 and 23.

Materials: Presentation

Informational only.

Beyond 2025	3:00 (10 min)	<u>Updates from Beyond 2025 Committee [tentative]</u> <i>Time reserved for verbal updates from KC and Joe to the WQGIT about the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee status and latest actions.</i> Materials: None Informational only.	KC Filippino, HRPDC, and Joe Wood, CBF
BMP Verification	3:10 (20 min)	<u>Cover crop surveys enhancement project</u> <i>Mark will brief the WQGIT on the enhanced methodology approved by the AgWG in 2022 for cover crop identification, reporting and verification.</i> Materials: Presentation; Report Informational only.	Mark Dubin, UMD
Phase 6 CAST	3:30 (25 min)	<u>Briefing: Manure application and timing in CAST</u> <i>[New addition – 8/22] Tom will summarize the manure application eligibility and timing issue currently under discussion at the AgWG in Phase 6 CAST (CAST-2023). Some time is reserved for discussion and questions.</i> Materials: Presentation Informational only.	Tom Butler, EPA
	3:55	<u>Recap of Actions and Decisions</u>	Jackie Pickford, CRC
	4:00	ADJOURN	

Written announcements or reminders

- Reminders

- STAC Comprehensive Evaluation of System Response (CESR) report is out: <https://www.chesapeake.org/stac/cesr/>
- CAST webinars: on summer break from webinars, which will resume in September.
- **Opportunities closing before our meeting:**
 - PA [Ag Progress Days](#) was August 8-10, and included sessions focused around [ag policy and the Farm Bill](#)
 - Feedback on [Charting a Course to 2025 Report](#) due 5PM Monday, August 21st to comments@chesapeakebay.net
- **New announcements or upcoming opportunities**
 - Various new follow-up materials are available on the [SRS Biennial meeting page](#) (May 11 – May 12). Materials include: [In-brief](#) and [full](#) versions of a meeting report
 - New EPA CBP funding/RFAs:
 - [EPA-I-R3-CBP-23-11: Assessment and Methodology Development for Advanced Automated Techniques and Protocols to Map Chesapeake Bay Submerged Aquatic Vegetation from High Resolution Satellite Imagery](#)
 - Closes September 6
 - [EPA-I-R3-CBP-23-12: Leverage High Resolution Watershed Data for Water Quality Modeling using Machine Learning Techniques](#)
 - Closes September 22
 - [EPA-I-R3-CBP-23-13: Small Watershed Grants Program and Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Program \(Funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act\)](#)
 - Closes September 15
 - [EPA-R3-CBP-23-14: Small Watershed Grants Program and Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Program](#)
 - Closes September 18
 - [EPA-I-R3-CBP-23-15: Methodologies and Tools to support Climate-Resilience Communities, Training Modules, and Modeling to Estimate the Impact of Future Hydrology on Urban Best Management Practices](#)
 - Closes September 18
- Additional instructions or info
 - This meeting will be recorded for internal purposes. Current EPA policy does not allow for distribution of the recordings.
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 - If you have any other accessibility concerns, please contact Jackie Pickford (pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov).

Acronyms

AgWG: [Agriculture Workgroup](#)

BMP: Best Management Practice

CAST: [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#)

CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program

CBPO: Chesapeake Bay Program Office

CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium

EPA CBPO: Environmental Protection Agency - Chesapeake Bay Program Office

FEG: Fertilizer Expert Group

FWG: [Forestry Workgroup](#)

MB: [Management Board](#)

PSC: Principals Staff Committee

WQGIT: [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)

WWTG: [Wastewater Treatment Workgroup](#)