

**CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
October 22nd and 23rd MEETING**

**Liberty Mountain Conference Center
Carroll Valley, Pennsylvania**

Conference Call Phone Number: 866-299-3188 Code: 410-267-5731

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Purpose:

To reach agreement on a process, priorities and a working schedule and plan for conducting the mid-point assessment. Work plan will include assignment of midpoint assessment priorities to WQGIT, workgroups, and staff, as appropriate.

Day One: Monday, October 22, 2012

10:00 AM Welcome and Introductions – Pat Buckley/Larry Merrill/Russ Baxter

- Meeting logistics
- Review of the agenda
 - Note that agenda is structured around working version of Guiding Principles
 - Options for breakout sessions

10:15 AM Look back on past accomplishments and look ahead for the next 5 years – Larry Merrill

- Since we last met in 2010:
 - Establishing the Bay TMDL (and ALL the WQGIT work leading up to it)
 - Completion of Phase I and II WIPs and 2012-2013 Milestones
 - On track toward meeting the goal of all practices in place by 2025
 - Supporting multiple expert panels to evaluate BMPs
 - Moving forward with a verification protocol
- Next 2 days will chart the course for the next 5 years

BRIEFING MATERIALS: *Attachment A1:* wqgit_midpoint_assessment_process.9.25.12.pdf;
Attachment A2: Guiding Principles Working Draft 10.15.12.pdf

10:30 AM – OPTIONS FOR RAPID DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF MODELING TOOLS – Gary Shenk

The partnership has expressed a desire for significant review of the implications of any changes to the watershed model. A model development process, simulation method, and review process will be presented as options for the WQGIT to consider. The proposed method would result in periodic review opportunities for the partnership throughout the development process, greater clarity in BMP effectiveness, and closer agreement with CAST results.

PRESENTATION: *Presentation B1:* WQGIT 2017 Model Proposal.pdf

11:15 AM – PANEL DISCUSSION OF WORKGROUP PRIORITIES – PART I – WQGIT and Modeling Workgroup Chairs, STAR Liaison

Allow 10-15 minutes per panel member. Part I will include presentations from Stormwater, Land Use, Agriculture, Watershed Technical and Modeling Workgroups.

Workgroup Chairs should consider the following questions when presenting their priorities:

- Do priorities address barriers to implementation?
- How do the priorities align with the Guiding Principles?
- Roughly speaking, how much of a difference would it make in load, expected reductions, or implementation decisions in each state? (speaking generally)
- Are there downsides to this priority?
- What would happen if this change were not made as part of the midpoint assessment?

PRESENTATIONS (*Up to Chairs if they want to provide*): *Presentation C1: Ag WG Priorities.pdf*; *Presentation C2: Modeling WG Priorities.pdf*

BRIEFING MATERIALS: *Attachment C1: Summary of Workgroup Priorities*; *Attachment C2: Initial input submitted by the WQGIT members and Workgroups in August*; *Attachment C3: BMP review panels status_10 15 2012.pdf*;

(Following, optional materials submitted by Workgroups as additional background):

Attachment C4: Agwg_mpa_priorities_10.16.12.pdf; *Attachment C5: Modeling WG MP Priorities 2012.10.15.pdf*;

12:30 PM Group Lunch

1:30 PM PANEL DISCUSSION OF WORKGROUP PRIORITIES – PART II – WQGIT and Modeling Workgroup Chairs, STAR Liaison

Allow 10-15 minutes per panel member. Part II will include presentations from Wastewater, Forestry, Trading and Offsets and Milestones Workgroups and STAR Liaison.

Workgroup Chairs should consider the following questions when presenting their priorities:

- Do priorities address barriers to implementation?
- How do the priorities align with the Guiding Principles?
- Roughly speaking, how much of a difference would it make in load, expected reductions, or implementation decisions in each state? (speaking generally)
- Are there downsides to this priority?
- What would happen if this change were not made as part of the midpoint assessment?

PRESENTATIONS (*Up to Chairs if they want to provide*): *Presentation C3: TOWG MPA priorities_10-22-12.pdf*; *Presentation C4: STAR_Monitoring and mid-point assessment.pdf*

BRIEFING MATERIALS: *Attachment C1: Summary of Workgroup Priorities*; *Attachment C2: Initial input submitted by the WQGIT members and Workgroups in August*; *Attachment C3: BMP review panels status_10 15 2012.pdf*;

(Following, optional materials submitted by Workgroups as additional background):

Attachment C6: WWTWG Priorities_background_10-16-2012.pdf; *Attachment C7: Milestone Midpoint assmt background information.pdf*; *Attachment C8: STAR_Monitoring and mid-point assessment.pdf*

2:30 PM Break

2:45 PM WQGIT DISCUSSION OF WORKGROUP PRIORITIES – WQGIT members

Start with priorities that are shared across workgroups. WQGIT members should consider:

- What resources and how much time would it take to address this priority?
- Based on the above, does the WQGIT agree this should be address in the midpoint assessment?
- If yes, what are the next steps, who is taking them on, and by when? Provide dates by which workgroups, others would come back to WQGIT with more fleshed out work plans

BRIEFING MATERIALS: *Attachment D1:* Estimated level of effort, by priority

4:15 PM Time for “dot voting” of Workgroup priorities,

4:30 PM SUMMARY OF DAY 1 – Larry Merrill and Russ Baxter

- Recap of feedback and decisions from Day 1 discussions
- Recap of schedule and workplan updates from Day 1 discussions
- Recap of parking lot issues for future discussions
- Identify next steps, action items to be completed in advance of Day 2

5:00 PM ADJOURN

7:00 PM GROUP DINNER

Day Two: Tuesday October 23rd, 2012

7:30 AM Group Breakfast

8:30 AM WHAT WE NEED TO GET THROUGH BY THE END OF TODAY – Larry Merrill

9:00 AM CONTINUED WQGIT DISCUSSION OF WORKGROUP PRIORITIES – WQGIT members

WQGIT members will discuss:

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- If yes, what are the next steps, who is taking them on, and by when? Provide dates by which workgroups, others would come back to WQGIT with more fleshed out work plans

10:30 Break

10:45: CONTINUED WQGIT DISCUSSION OF WORKGROUP PRIORITIES – WQGIT members

12:30 PM Group Lunch

1:30 PM RECAP OF DECISIONS AND FLESHING OUT OF SCHEDULE, WORK PLAN AND ACTION ITEMS FOR WORKGROUPS – Larry Merrill and Russ Baxter

DECISIONS REQUESTED:

- What are priority actions to include in the midpoint assessment related to past 2 days of discussion?
- What is the updated schedule for moving forward with these priorities within the midpoint assessment?
- What are the key data/information/decisions needed in order to meet/maintain this schedule?
- What are action items for the workgroups?
- What are action items /decisions that the WQGIT needs to make?
- What are action items for staff?
- What items need to be teed up for the Management Board and/or the Principals' Staff Committee (particularly if they will be meeting before the next WQGIT call)?
- Likely defer to a future call: How to communicate the midpoint assessment to partners and the public?

PRESENTATION: *Presentation E1: Summary of Decisions and Working Updates to Schedule*

3:30 PM Adjourn – Safe Travels and Thank You for Your Time! (*consider pushing back to allow more time for end of meeting recap*)