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**Actions and Decisions Annotated**

**Management Board Meeting**

**February 11, 2016**

**Program Update**

* Decision: The MB concurred with the Habitat Goal Team’s recommendation to select Christine Conn as GIT chair and David Whitehurst as vice chair starting April 30. Jana Davis will stay on as chair until that time with Christine Conn as interim vice chair. Later in the year, the GIT may propose that Christine Conn and David Whitehurst become co-chairs. Completed.
* Action: The planning committee for the 2016 Chesapeake Executive Council meeting will begin meetings in the next few weeks. Partners are requested to provide a representative to Carin Bisland or Greg Barranco by Friday, February 19. In progress.
* Action: CBP will provide MB members with an update on the planning activities for the upcoming Environmental Finance Symposium and will provide meeting minutes from the Steering Committee and Planning Committee meetings. Completed.
* Action: CBP will provide MB members with a copy of the letter from Governor McAuliffe to US Department of Education Acting Secretary John B. King, Jr. requesting greater coordination and collaboration between the Department and the Partnership. Completed.
* Note: The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay announced a new CBPO communications director: Rachel Felver. Ms. Felver is the current communications writer for the National Aquarium and is a former communications director for EPA’s Office of Environmental Information. She is expected to begin working at the CBPO on February 29. Completed.
* Note: A webinar to seek public input on the CBP Diversity Workplan is planned for Thursday February 25, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. More information at [*www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/23551/*](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/23551/) Completed.
* Note: NOAA plans to release a fact sheet on the preliminary data and findings on the Harris Creek Oyster Reef Restoration Program in the next few weeks.
* Note: The Water Quality Goal Team will host two webinars on nutrient and sediment trends in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The first webinar is scheduled for February 25 and the second will be in mid-March. The webinars are intended to provide participants with a deeper understanding about the trends report and how to pull additional information from the website.

**Science Needs of the Goal Teams for Agreement Outcomes**

* Action: STAR agreed to prepare a list of priority science needs and possible funding or resources for accomplishing work. CBP staff will distribute it to the MB members. Completed.

**MB Comments on draft workplans**

* Action**:** CBP staff will re-distribute partner comments on the draft workplans to the GITs for consideration during the public input period.Completed.

**Looking Ahead**

* Action: MB members agreed to hold two one-day, in-person meetings to accommodate the many agenda items proposed for the March meeting (in lieu of an April conference call). The meetings will be held on March 10 and April 14. The primary topics for the March meeting will be: 1. Time sensitive issues related to the Phase III WIPs; and 2. a Chesapeake Decisions Discovery session. Other topics will be added if time allows.