

# EC Charge: Beyond 2025

Thus, this Executive Council charges the Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) in recommending a critical path forward that prioritizes and outlines the next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the *Watershed Agreement* leading up to and beyond 2025. The PSC is to report back to the Executive Council at our 2023 annual meeting with recommendations on how to best address and integrate new science and restoration strategies leading up to 2025. At our 2024 annual meeting, the PSC is to prepare recommendations that continue to address new advances in science and restoration, along with a focus on our partnership for going beyond 2025.

# MB Decision – 03/22/23 Meeting

- Approved the formation of the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee
  - See next slide for the make up of that committee
- Each entity listed for steering committee will appoint their member and alternate/proxy by 4/15/23

# Steering Committee Membership

Entity	name	Entity	name
DC		USFWS	
DE		USGS	
MD		DHS	
NY		GIT1	
PA		GIT2	
VA		GIT3	
WV		GIT4	
CBC		GIT5	
DOD		GIT6	
EPA		STAR	
NOAA		CAC	
NPS		LGAC	
USDA/NRCS		STAC	
USFS			

# RECAP of Feb/March MB Meetings and Two Rounds of One on One Calls with MB Members

- Great discussion around representation and organization
- Recognition of the timeline we are working with – we need to be able to make recommendations to the PSC for your summer 2024 meeting
- We don't have to have all the work completed by summer 2024, focus instead on recommendations/plan on how we will complete the work
- There is a great deal of concern about the time commitment for this activity, and partner bandwidth in general
- MB has adopted a two step method to complete this work (“West Virginia 2 Step”)

# What is the West Virginia 2 Step?

- Breaking this very large task into 2 Steps
- Step 1 – Determine the scope and breadth of what will be undertaken to meet the EC charge and develop a plan to complete that work
- Step 2 – Execute the plan

# Step 1 Details

- Utilize a steering committee to develop a plan/scope of work for all of the activities that will be undertaken in strengthening the Partnership for the years ahead
- Contract support will be available to assist the steering committee through this process
- The steering committee will give quarterly updates to the Management Board and the PSC on their progress

# Steering Committee Objectives

- Develop complete recommendations for scope and breadth of the 2014 Watershed Agreement evaluation
  - Start with the end in mind – determine the objective
- Evaluation of the Watershed Agreement
  - Determine Structure for evaluation
  - Includes a value analysis of all goals and outcomes
- Partnership evaluation
  - Structure for evaluation of Partnership
- Incorporation of scientific findings
  - CESR, Rising Temperature Workshop, others
- Insure equitable representation from the Partnership in the evaluation design
- Ensure that the evaluation design answers the EC charge questions

# Additional Information

- Beyond 2025 will be discussed at the biennial SRS meeting in Charlottesville, VA
- Information gathered there will be useful for future discussions and activities
- It has been suggested that there be an all day in person meeting to kick off this activity
- Suggestion that this kickoff meeting occur in June – can be post PSC meeting which is scheduled for 6/21/23



# Known Issues

- Bandwidth of partners and ability to dedicate additional time to this effort
- Scheduling – needs to be done well in advance – allow members to adequately plan for meeting time/sending alternates
- Will try to utilize existing meeting timeslots as much as possible going into the future