

Federal Facilities Workgroup Agenda

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Introductions (John Maleri)	10:00-10:10	<u>Summary of Open Action Items:</u>
Federal Facilities Workgroup Membership (Sophie Waterman) Reaffirm membership list for accuracy	10:10–10:15	Spreadsheet of FFWG Members
Federal Agency Progress Evaluation (Greg Allen and John Maleri) Describe the SOW for Brown and Caldwell and invite input on how best to utilize the support.	10:15- 10:45	<p>Ppt slides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of previous work • Evaluation report • Main task areas in new SOW • Recommendation from previous report and directions from new support work • Jam Board of people’s thoughts <p>Federal Agency Progress Evaluation - Brown and Caldwell report</p> <p>Our work group started in 2010 prior to the TMDL. Federal facilities need to be giving their fair share even though we are only a sliver of the watershed. EO 1358 said that Federal Facilities needs to do their fair share of maintaining watershed health. This work is still in progress, we have agencies who are very diligent about getting the work done. We have others that are more a mixed bag and do not always meet the goals. Greg highlighted USFWS as doing a great job. Brown and Caldwell did a report on gaps that are still exist and how far we have come.</p>

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		<p>They systems of federal reporting and accountability is a combination of steps: ID facilities and land use, set targets, take inventory of BMPs and estimate current loads and plan new BMPs, track progress and accountability, tack and report, and then finally implement new BMPs. This system is not perfect, and we are finding gaps and improving the system.</p> <p>Greg moved on to talk a past progress report. Reporting on BMPs is mixed either it is inaccurate or not complete. There are also problems with the data that impacts the reporting. We are going to continue to look at these problems to try and diminish them. Federal planning goals in the last round were less than equitable across the board. An example of this would be in PA, the federal facilities in PA have posted federal plans that are a bit outdated. We should take action and see if the federal plans in PA are still valid or need to be updated.</p> <p>In DC there was a lack of clarity on the MS 4 stormwater fee and whether there would be additional ponds allocated to federal facilities above and beyond the storm water fee.</p> <p>In VA, their federal planning goals has a written expectation that there be reductions for federal land that is in agriculture. We have not required that ag be reported or tracked therefore the expectation was that we were not crediting that work and that has created a disconnect that we are trying to work through. These three examples are some of the reasons why we can not say we are at agreement/ we have equity.</p> <p>We want to build out or system so we can track our BMP records and build out equitable planning goals.</p> <p>We have an interagency agreement to work with Brown and Caldwell. They are helping us identify gaps and helping them get filled. They have been working with DOD for a number of years and truly know what is going on. They will help us understand the data and work through it.</p> <p>Brown and Caldwell cannot work with induvial facilities but can work with agencies to work with them to get over some roadblocks. When we have complete BMP records, we can use CAST. We are trying to get to a place with complete records and equitable goals. We want to know what we can to do to help and get there to complete records.</p>

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		<p>EPA will be writing an evaluation report. We are at the end of the 2-year milestone. We are writing the report on progress, primarily on programmatic milestones, but also fed facilities on which agencies submitted and did not submit. Drafts will be made available for review and comment in the spring. There will need to be new milestone for 2022-2023.</p> <p>Milestones have also been wishy-washy, some agencies do a good job while others do not.</p> <p><i>March meeting: 2022-2023 milestones</i></p> <p>Jamboard was used to answer two questions: Q1: What gets in the way of being able to plan, implement, track and report pollutant-reducing best management practices? Q2: What do you believe is the top priority for FFWG to be focusing on?</p> <p>There were some main points such as low staff/staff turnover. Cumbersome reporting progress. The second question asked about what we should be focusing on. People want training and better understanding of how to do reporting. Some want to address the systemic hold ups and discuss on how to fix. We should also be focusing on getting more BMPs credited.</p>
FFWG Workplan (John Maleri) Brief review of the workplan structure and prior commitments	10:45-11:00	<p>The FFWG workplan is our guiding document that has all of our work themes. There may be some overlap between the Jamboard and the workplan. All other major themes from the Jamboard activity will be added.</p> <p>John ran through the work themes: Fed land data layer: Not sure when the last fed data layer was updated. We need to make sure we know where all of the fed lands to make sure that we have the most accurate layer. This will help with being on top of who owns what. The CBP GIS team needs to have the most up to date layer, to make sure that we have accurate representation in CAST and or have it available for agencies.</p> <p>BMP Inventory loads and estimates: We want fed agencies to get us complete inventory and credited BMP. We will use that submission to understand the TMDL. We want to be able to give credit. We want to make</p>

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		<p>sure that our members know how to use CAST and other important tools. <i>Training with CAST</i></p> <p>Fed Planning: We have current issues! We have challenges to overcome when it comes to planning goals. We want jurisdictions and agencies to have planning goals and to be able to let us know about gaps.</p> <p>BMP planning and milestones: This is a milestone reporting year. We want feds to be understanding their milestones. They should be thinking about what they hope and plan to do on their properties to help with the TMDL.</p> <p>Reporting Progress: We need and want folks to be reporting!! It is important for tracking and understanding.</p> <p>Evaluation of progress: We want to make sure we are reviewing progress efforts.</p> <p>Education and awareness: We have a good intro presentation for new members and have gotten great feedback on the draft presentation. We are hoping to finalize to make it useful on the importance of why we are tracking. We would like to have people to come and present on useful tools that could be useful to tracking. Folks are also welcomed to suggest presentation on potential topics like lessons learned or discussion topics. <i>Show final presentation to members in future meeting.</i> We are looking to continue engagement and education and making sure that we have a centralized place to keep all of this important information.</p> <p>Discussions:</p> <p>CAST: Federal acres and locations do not change expect when there's a model phase change in CAST. Maybe in future CAST phases we can make it more flexible.</p> <p>Milestones: MD says that it has no milestones, but that is not accurate as the Bay Program does and this group does, so how are the milestone expectations communicated? We shoot for equity and need to have the conversation about who is doing what to make sure everything is equitable. We are in milestone season so making sure that dates and expectations are clear is crucial. We need information to get out to federal agencies.</p>

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Break	11:00-11:10	
Annual Federal BMP Progress Reporting (Greg Allen and John Maleri) Present draft tracking table for Federal Agency reporting.	11:10- 11:35	Greg pulled up the previous EPA Evaluation. Greg pulled up a table that showed all the jurisdictions and agencies. An x on the table indicates no property in a certain jurisdiction, red indicates no submission for 2021, green is a submission. This table is a tool to get an overview of 2021 federal facilities progress reporting. Alana noted that both the USFS and NPS have updated data. John noted that NPS in DC has all the regulatory components of storm water BMPs installed.
Federal Planning Goals and Additional Reductions Related to the Climate Directive (Greg Allen and John Maleri) Review the status of Federal Planning Goals (FPG) and documented climate decisions and implications for Federal Agencies	11:35-11:55	2035 Climate Narrative Reminder that we have agreed to federal planning goals that are equitable. This means that the same amount of reduction is required for Federal agencies that are required for everybody else. We know that 3 jurisdictions have issues when we left this off (PA, DC, VA). Federal planning goals are just one area of work. We need to pick up and resolve issues, but while we were working on those issues the Partnership moved ahead with some additional actions related to pounds of nutrients and sediments that need to be reduced as a function of what's expected to be greater precipitation, flash flooding and severe storms that comes with climate change. So the question becomes what does this mean for federal agencies? Are we adding pounds to be reduced to planning goals to slow down from additional pounds that were given to jurisdictions? We need to circle back to James Davis Martins proposal on this issue. It will help us translate these additional allocated pounds to be reduced down to federal agencies. Action Item: Review James Davis Martin proposal
Update, Wrap-up, Next Meeting	11:55-12:00	Looking Ahead: Expanding Federal Land Uses in CAST Discuss and develop options for accurately assigning loads in 2025 Phase 7 model updates. Showcase NPS BMP Tracking and Geolocation System Overview of this NPS system and consider similar applications for other agencies Next Meeting: 2022-2023 milestones James Davis Martin Proposal

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