



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Management Board Meeting
September 30 – October 2, 2025
Actions & Decisions

Agreement Goals, Outcomes and Targets

DECISION: The MB agreed to the edits (except where noted) made in the meeting to the Thriving Habitat, Fisheries and Wildlife Goal. The MB made preliminary edits to the Healthy Landscapes, Clean Water and Engaged Communities Goals which will be reviewed before making final decisions.

ACTION: Jurisdictions will consider alternate language for the Reducing Excess Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Sediment Target #1 that members believe the rest of the jurisdictions can agree to and be presented at the Oct 9 meeting. The original redline version of Target #1 and a version with MD's suggested edits discussed during the retreat are included in the revised Agreement shared with the MB.

ACTION: MB will consult with DoD and USACE regarding the updated language on updated proposed military readiness language.

ACTION: Leila Duman (MD DNR) will work with partners to draft alternative language for the waterbirds target.

ACTION: EPA will distribute the updated version of the revised Watershed Agreement that incorporates the edits made at the Retreat to the Management Board members by October 5th.

Agreement Vision, Principles, Preamble and Time Horizon

DECISION: The MB agreed to the edits made in the meeting to the Vision, Principles and Preamble sections of the revised Agreement.

ACTION: A preliminary agreement was not reached on the time horizon for the Agreement (e.g., 2035 or 2040), however, this issue will be revisited and decided upon at the October 9th MB meeting.

Management Strategies (MS)

PRELIMINARY DECISION: A preliminary decision on the timeframe for initial MS development was determined to be “up to 18 months.”

DECISION: The MB decided that the timeframe for MS implementation, commitment updates, and evaluation and strategy updates would be revisited at the October 9th meeting after a final decision is made on the Agreement time horizon.

Structure

ACTION: In a combined PSC where there is a primary political appointee member and a secondary proxy, what are the decisions the primary member and secondary member should/can make? What are the coordinating decisions, factors and responsibilities that do not live within the PSC, and who would you delegate those responsibilities to? This information should be sent to Anna Killius in advance of the October 9th MB meeting.

ACTION: Members should review the structure proposal, consult with PSC members, for discussion at the Oct 9th MB meeting. Discussion will be coalesced for the PSC meeting on Oct 28.

Governance and Accountability Team

ACTION: Prior to 10/9 MB meeting, review GAT recommendations and identify opportunities to refine the existing document to a single page for each of the first two challenges.

ACTION: At the 10/9 MB meeting, MB members will finalize 1-pagers for the challenges.

DECISION: GAT will be given an opportunity to review the final 1-pagers, after which point their work will be paused.