



Maryland Proposed Path Forward on CAST

Principals' Staff Committee
Dec 19, 2022

Four Starting Points:

1. Remain firmly grounded in and guided by the science
2. We are not backing off of any 2025 commitments
3. The fertilizer issue is a significant issue that requires special attention.
4. Success requires compromise

December 16, 2022 Management Board Meeting: ACTIONS & DECISIONS

Overall Decision: There was no consensus on the full Maryland Proposed Path Forward (Dec 9, 2022 version) at this time.

Specific Decisions and Actions relative to each of the three PSC CAST Decisions (Aug 29, 2022 Meeting) addressed in the Maryland Proposed Path Forward are as follows:

PSC Decision #1:

Decision: No consensus on the Maryland Proposed Path Forward.

Action: Management Board members will submit proposed language changes designed to reach consensus to Lee McDonnell, Dave Goshorn, and Garrett Stewart by January 6 for inclusion and discussion at the January 26 Management Board meeting.

PSC Decision #2:

Decision: Management Board reached consensus agreement on “Agreement E 2” of the Maryland Proposed Path Forward, which partially addressed PSC Decision #2. There was no consensus on “Agreement E 1” of the Maryland Proposed Path Forward.

Action: CBPO staff and Management Board members will develop an updated Action Plan and proposed language changes on “Agreement E 1” (for addressing farm fertilizer concerns) for inclusion and discussion at the January 26 Management Board meeting. The proposed Action Plan and other language changes will be submitted to Lee McDonnell, Dave Goshorn, and Garrett Stewart by January 6.

PSC Decision #3:

Decision: Management Board reached consensus agreement on “Agreement E 3” of the Maryland Proposed Path Forward which addressed PSC Decision #3.

Fertilizer Update

12.19.22

Non-Ag Fertilizer Short Term Update

- Urban Stormwater Workgroup
 - Created an Urban Nutrient Management (UNM) Task Force in September 2022
 - Purpose: address the Principals' Staff Committee's August 29th decision item regarding the turfgrass fertilizer application method for CAST-2021
 - The group has met twice, and has narrowed their focus to two options for improving the turfgrass fertilizer application method
 - They are currently reviewing the results from each method and will plan to meet once more in January

Ag Fertilizer – Short Term Fertilizer Expert Group

Purpose: Examine the potential of state reported fertilizer data to supplement our current in phase 6 and inform phase 7.

Introductory meetings complete:

- Maryland
- Pennsylvania
- New York
- Virginia
- Delaware
- West Virginia



Data collected from several states

- Comparing this with our current data source



Combined meeting with all jurisdictions

- (TBD)

Ag Fertilizer – Long Term Ag Modeling Team

Formed

Met

- November
- December

Created a draft prioritization

Working to improve our memberships understanding of CAST