

Future Milestones

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Near Term Milestones

- ▶ Propose partnership continue to use milestones during Phase 2 Beyond 2025 discussions
- ▶ Maintain continuity and accountability under the Phase 3 WIPs
- ▶ “Near term” milestones are those milestones that span 2026 through when there are new targets established by the partnership using the Phase 7 modeling tools.

Two-Year Milestones in the Partnership

- ▶ 2008 EC commitment to speed up the pace of Bay restoration and be more accountable to reduce pollution to the Bay and its rivers
- ▶ Short term goals and actions to intensify restoration efforts
- ▶ Part of the CBP partnership Water Quality Accountability Framework to support the WIPs
- ▶ Showcase incremental progress in meeting water quality goals
- ▶ Milestones will lead up to meeting water quality standards for Bay restoration

Near Term Milestones Feedback and Next Steps

- ▶ This topic is very important and should have dedicated discussion time.
- ▶ WQGIT will develop near term milestones recommendations/options for:
 - ▶ Timeline options (2, 3, 4 year) and rationale to support the option
 - ▶ Considerations for piloting/sandboxing new ideas to include in the milestone period(s)
 - ▶ Recommendations should include any boundaries or constraints believed to be necessary for piloting/sandboxing
- ▶ Need to have recommendations for the Partnership by Feb 2025

Follow up

- ▶ Estimate March 2025 to bring recommendations to the MB and later the PSC for approval
- ▶ WQGIT will host discussions for near term milestones
- ▶ Milestones beyond Phase 7 model targets will likely be part of Phase 2 Beyond 2025 discussions
- ▶ QUESTIONS?
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