Small Topical Groups

Beyond 2025: October Meeting

October 26, 2023

STEERING COMMITTEE PROPOSED PRODUCT BY EC2024

Where we are

Summary of where we are with the 2014 Watershed Agreement
- Reaching 2025 Report
- CESR, Rising Temperatures, Forest Buffers & Wetlands Conference Reports, SRS meeting report, report, Advisory Committee Recommendations, and more. Crosswalk of common themes.

Where do we want to be

Vision
- Current Partnership Vision – Reaffirm? Refine?

What we do

Impact assessment
- What is the ability of our Partnership to positively impact each goal and outcome?
- Do we have the right outcomes for our goals and the right goals for our vision?
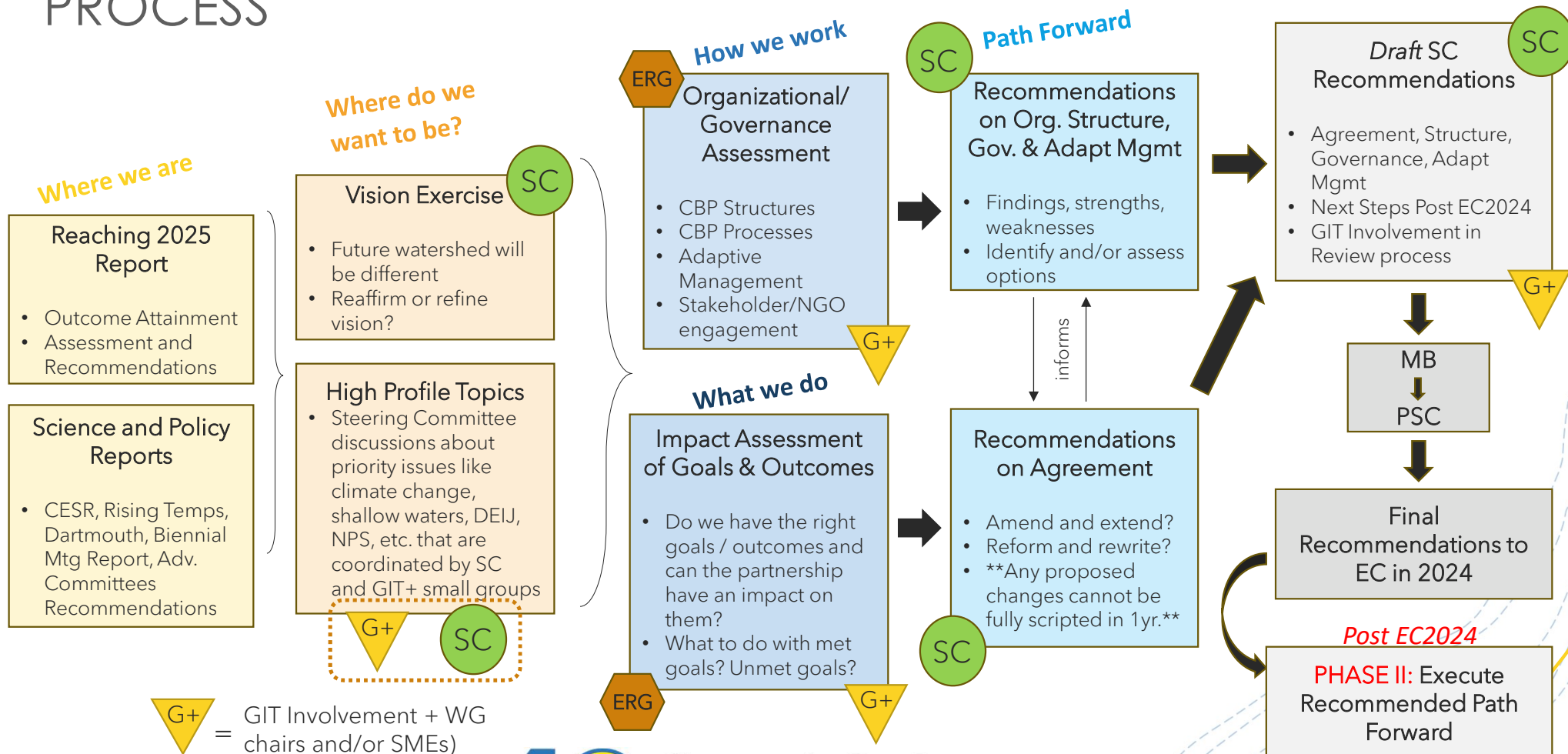
How we work

Assessment of our overall partnership
- Partnership Structure
- Governance and Adaptive Management

Path Forward

Recommendation on what to do with the Watershed Agreement post-2025

Recommendations on the Partnership

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PROCESS

Where we are

Reaching 2025 Report
- Outcome Attainment
- Assessment and Recommendations

Science and Policy Reports
- CESR, Rising Temps, Dartmouth, Biennial Mtg Report, Adv. Committees Recommendations

Where do we want to be?

Vision Exercise (SC)
- Future watershed will be different
- Reaffirm or refine vision?

High Profile Topics
- Steering Committee discussions about priority issues like climate change, shallow waters, DEIJ, NPS, etc. that are coordinated by SC and GIT+ small groups

(G+) (SC)

(G+) = GIT Involvement + WG chairs and/or SMEs)

How we work

(ERG) **Organizational/ Governance Assessment**
- CBP Structures
- CBP Processes
- Adaptive Management
- Stakeholder/NGO engagement

(G+)

What we do

(ERG) **Impact Assessment of Goals & Outcomes**
- Do we have the right goals / outcomes and can the partnership have an impact on them?
- What to do with met goals? Unmet goals?

(SC) (G+)

Path Forward

(SC) **Recommendations on Org. Structure, Gov. & Adapt Mgmt**
- Findings, strengths, weaknesses
- Identify and/or assess options

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Recommendations on Agreement
- Amend and extend?
- Reform and rewrite?
- **Any proposed changes cannot be fully scripted in 1yr.**

(SC)

Draft SC **Recommendations** (SC)
- Agreement, Structure, Governance, Adapt Mgmt
- Next Steps Post EC2024
- GIT Involvement in Review process

(G+)

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PSC

Final Recommendations to EC in 2024

Post EC2024

PHASE II: Execute Recommended Path Forward

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GOAL FOR TODAY

- Discuss, Refine, & Confirm

  - High-level Topics

  - Guiding Questions

  - Small Group Membership

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SMALL GROUPS: *PURPOSE*

- Guide the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee in thinking about, discussing, and ultimately forming recommendations around cross-cutting, high-level topics that have arisen in the EC Charge and partnership reports.

- Draft recommendations, based on full Steering Committee feedback, for integration into the Steering Committee's final product.

- Considerations:
    - Small and nimble enough for meeting and planning; inclusive enough to reach experts outside of SC, like GIT and AC members.
    - Overall makeup should encourage silo-breaking and diversity of viewpoint.
    - Need for a lead or point person. <u>Lack of staffing support</u>.

Breakout Discussion!

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PROPOSED WORKPLAN

November-December
- Small groups convene to guide full committee discussion.
- <u>Recruit experts outside of the steering committee</u> to participate.
- Consider guiding questions and cross-cutting considerations
- Review and develop presentations, questions, resources, strawman recommendations to guide full committee discussion of topic.

January
- Full committee discussion on topic, led by small group
- Two-day workshop; planning support would be of interest

February
- Provisional Recommendations (drafted/revised from January discussion) presented to Steering Committee.

Final Recommendations integrated into SC Final Product

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HIGH LEVEL TOPICS

Breakout Discussion!

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice

- Shallow Water Habitats

- Non-Point Sources of Pollution

- Habitat / Land Conservation

- Water Quality / Bay TMDL

- Public Engagement and Participation

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EXAMPLES OF ISSUES THAT MIGHT ARISE?

"for display only"

Topic	Potential Issues
DEIJ	Equity in community interaction with waterways: access, toxics? Cross-goal integration of DEIJ efforts?
Shallow Waters	Targeted work in shallow water habitats? "Tipping Points"? Cross-outcome coordination & ecosystem services valuation?
Non-Point Sources	Better engagement of ag community, and state stormwater programs? Addressing mass imbalance? Pay-for-performance? Sandboxing?
Land / Habitat Conservation	Permanent protection vs. time-bound contracts? Protected existing acreage vs. adding newly restored acres?
Water Quality / TMDL	Incremental goals based on non-deep channel habitat needs? WIPS and Milestones?
Public/Stakeholder Engagement	Making science, resources, communication more available and relevant for local action? Social science considerations?

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GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR EACH TOPIC

Breakout Discussion!

- 3 Vs
  - VISION: What does success look like? What do we hand to the next generation?
  - VALUE: What are we doing that works? What could be improved? What learnings can we draw from?
  - VANGUARD IDEAS: What idea would be transformative?

- Cross-Cutting Considerations
  - CLIMATE: How does climate change interact with your topic?
  - PEOPLE: How can we better center people in our efforts on this topic?
  - LIVING RESOURCES: How can your topic maximize living resource impacts?

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SMALL TOPICAL GROUP REVIEW

- **Purpose:** Guide the SC in discussing, forming recommendations on high-level topics

- **Workplan:** Plan and lead a Jan/Feb SC discussion; Draft and refine recommendations to go into SC's final product.

- **Topics:** DEIJ, Shallows, Non-Point, Conservation, WQ/TMDL, Public/Stakeholder ???

- **Guiding Questions:** 3 Vs (Vision, Value, Vanguard) and Cross-Cuts (Climate, People, Living Resources)

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CLARIFYING QUESTIONS?
(5 MIN)

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BREAKOUT PROCESS - OVERVIEW

- There will be six breakout groups for Steering Committee discussion (member and alternates). Preassigned - see Breakout Assignment.xls.

- All other meeting attendees have option to join. More on that process in following slides.

- Each breakout group will **Discuss and Refine** their recommendation for the **Proposed Topics, Guiding Questions, and Method of Group Assignment.**

- Each breakout group will have 5 minutes to report out. Identify a note-taker and/or presenter.

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BREAKOUT PROCESS – DISCUSSION LOGISTCS

- Use Breakout Worksheet to document group consensus, additional topics, questions for the committee, and/or proposed revisions.

- 60 min / 13 items = ~5 min/item, not including adding new topics. Suggest to review all topics/questions first for any with quick acceptance.

- [REVIEW WORKSHEET]

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BREAKOUT PROCESS – POST DISCUSSION

- Laura will lead breakout report-outs (5 min x 6 groups).

- Doug and Lucinda will collate revisionary comments and consensus for each item during report-outs.

- Final hour will be seeking agreement. Laura will facilitate.

- Revised discussion materials will be presented for review and modification as needed.

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BREAKOUT PROCESS - OUTCOME

1. High Level Topics are identified and agreed upon.
   Recommend n <= 10 Small Groups

2. Guiding Questions are identified and agreed upon.

3. Small Group Assignment Method – Random / Interest

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START TIME = <mark>1:30 PM</mark>

All "Doors" on Teams being monitoring.

If you must leave Teams or are kicked, Group Assignment should still in place. Assistance also available.

Raise your virtual hand if wish to join a Breakout

+[00:00] Breakout Start

+[00:02] Deliver All Other Meeting Participants

+[00:50] Reminder for Consensus; Opportunity for Comments

+[01:00] Email Worksheet to Doug and Lucinda

+[01:05] Return to Full Committee – Laura Facilitate

+[01:10] Breakout Report Outs

+[01:40] Determine Topics, Guiding Questions, Assignment

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THE BEYOND 2025 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING IS IN BREAKOUT DISCUSSION.

PLEASE RAISE YOUR VIRTUAL HAND IF YOU WISH TO JOIN. YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A RANDOM BREAKOUT.

GENERAL COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFORE THE END OF THE DISCUSSION.

THE BREAKOUT DISCUSSION WILL END AT _____.

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BREAK

Return by _____

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