

Beyond 2025 Update

Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders Advisory Committee

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CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

Tri-State Legislative Commission established in 1980s to:

- Help legislatures evaluate and respond to Bay and watershed concerns;
- Promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination for resource planning;
- Enhance the functions and powers of existing offices and agencies;
- Coordinate regional policy interests with US Congress.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHARGE

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Thus, this Executive Council charges the Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) in recommending a critical path forward that prioritizes and outlines the next steps for meeting the goals and outcomes of the Watershed Agreement leading up to and beyond 2025. The PSC is to report back to the Executive Council at our 2023 annual meeting with recommendations on how to best address and integrate new science and restoration strategies leading up to 2025. **At our 2024 annual meeting, the PSC is to prepare recommendations that continue to address new advances in science and restoration, along with a focus on our partnership for going beyond 2025.**

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TWO-PHASED APPROACH

- Step 1 – Determine the scope and breadth of what will be undertaken to meet the EC Charge and develop a plan to complete that work
 - Use a Steering Committee to develop plan/scope of work for all activities to be undertaken to strengthen Partnership in years ahead
 - Membership based on Management Board
 - Contract support
- Step 2 – Execute the plan

BEYOND 2025 STEERING COMMITTEE

- 7 Jurisdictions
- 1 Chesapeake Bay Commission
- 8 Core Federal Agencies
- 1 Scientific and Technical Assessment and Reporting
- 3 Advisory Committees
- 6 Goal Implementation Teams
- 2 At-Large Stakeholder Representatives

GOAL

We will assess **where we are** and **where we want to be** in

reaching our shared vision for the Chesapeake Bay and its

watershed; and identify **a path forward** for the Chesapeake Bay

Program focused on **what we do** and **how we work.**

Where we are

What have we, as a partnership, accomplished through our current theory of change, based on the Reaching 2025 report, CESR, and other reports and program evaluations?

Where we want to be

How do we define a healthy, sustainable, productive Chesapeake Bay and watershed, responding to climate change and community needs?

A path forward

What is our plan & who will be part of executing the plan? What does this plan mean for the foundational guides of our program?

What we do

What is our approach to the goals and outcomes we have achieved and those we have yet to meet; and to the monitoring and modeling we do to set strategies and measure progress?

How we work

How do we improve our Partnership, Governance, Adaptive Management, Time and Resource Allocation, Public Engagement, Communication to do more, better, faster?

STEERING COMMITTEE PROPOSED PRODUCTS BY EC2024

Where we are

Assessment of where we are with the 2014 Watershed Agreement

- Reaching 2025 Report
- CESR, Rising Temperatures, Forest Buffers & Wetlands Conference Reports, SRS meeting report, other

Where do we want to be

Vision

- Current Partnership Vision – Reaffirm? Refine?

Path Forward

Value assessment of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement

- 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?

What we do

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

- Extend? Amend? Rewrite?

How we work

Assessment of and recommendations for our overall partnership

- Partnership Structure
- Governance and Adaptive Management

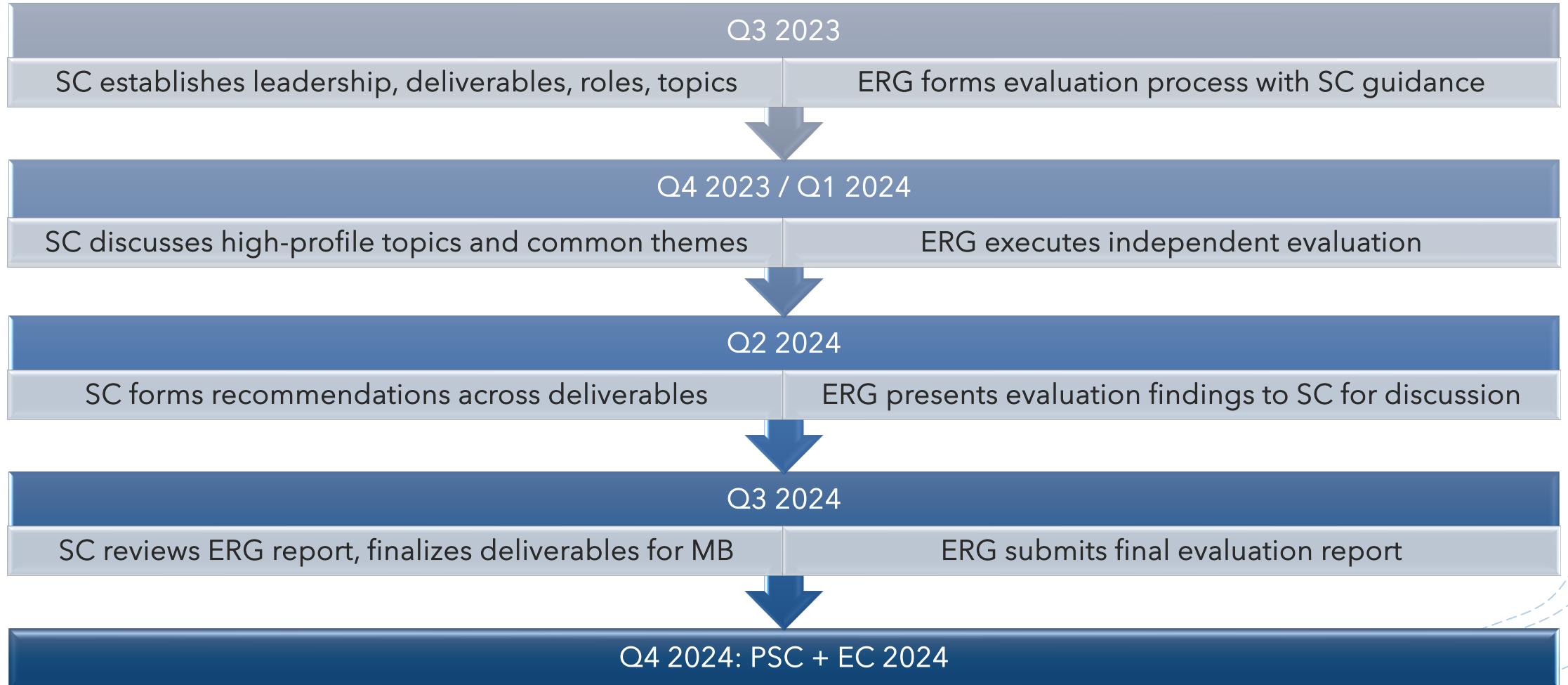
CONTRACTOR SUPPORT: ERG

- Translate charge into a set of evaluation (study) questions
- Develop an evaluation plan
- Execute the plan
- Develop findings (statements of fact) based on the research design
- Develop recommendations that come from those findings

PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Add 2 At-Large, non-voting seats on Steering Committee
- Circulate meeting dates and materials
- Ensure opportunities throughout agenda for public comment, with time for response
- Collect and disseminate public feedback received between meetings
- Coordinate with network organization to share periodic updates and to organize opportunities for additional public and stakeholder engagement

TIMELINE



THANK YOU

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