

Language from Bo William's email

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As mentioned last week on the MB call, based on these conversations, it was ***agreed that we will postpone the project submission period and revisit this effort in earnest in May*** when there is more clarity and progress on the Outcomes. ***A small urgent list of projects will still be discussed at the January 16 MB meeting***, as there are several initiatives that need immediate attention. ***If your Goal Team has identified an urgent need (that can't wait 5 months) that it would like considered at the Jan 16 meeting, please send it forward by Jan 3.***

There have been a number of questions on the scope and mechanics of this process, so I'd like to share a few clarifying points that I hope will be useful as you consider projects ideas over the next few months. These projects:

- Help advance the EC charge in the long-run. Thanks to the GIT chairs for this phrasing as I think it captures the spirit of this effort. These are projects that will help determine the work ahead and how it will be achieved-- for example, to inform outcome revisions, setting of implementation targets, tracking of progress and development of indicators, and questions related to how we work.
- May address the broader set of objectives in the Charge. For example, how should the partnership follow through on the EC's call for a "renewed and greater emphasis on engaging all residents of the watershed"?
- May advance the recommendations from Phase 1, but not limited to Phase 1. The emphasis thus far has been on carrying forward Phase 1 recommendations because these present critical elements to be considered in defining/setting the work ahead.

- Require additional effort—i.e., not already identified in workplans or being worked on by Goal Teams/workgroups.
- May be cross-outcome and, therefore, requiring coordination between partnership groups. Integration of climate considerations across partnership work, for example.
- Are a priority, in that the Management Board and Goal Teams would prioritize this work relative to other responsibilities.

This initiative is intended to serve as a tool to identify and address urgent needs that require broader partnership consideration and endorsement.