

Sent to the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) and Toxic Contaminants Workgroup (TCW) on behalf of Suzanne Trevena, WQGIT Chair

Good afternoon Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT),

The WQGIT leadership team wanted to provide an update coming out of the March 27 Management Board (MB) and the March 28 Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) meetings. Apologies for the long email, but we want to ensure you have the latest information.

On Thursday March 27, there was an all-day Management Board meeting to talk through the outcome disposition. There was clear agreement/consensus and a recommended path forward for many of the outcomes and some outcomes that need further discussion. For those outcomes related to the WQGIT, I think we are in a good place to move forward. There was consensus to remove the 2017 WIP Outcome, update the 2025 WIP outcome, consolidate the 2 toxic outcomes into one overall toxics outcome, and update the water quality standards, attainment & monitoring. There was consensus around the tree canopy and forest buffer outcomes with this statement: *The MB recognizes the importance of and supports maintaining an emphasis on Tree Canopy and Forest Buffer. The MB directs the Forestry Workgroup to consider how we can broaden and better highlight opportunities for forest conservation and restoration. The Forestry Workgroup will consider if consolidation or reclassification under a single outcome makes sense, with the inclusion of distinct Tree Canopy and Forest Buffer targets. This discussion will be revisited on April 10, 2025.* In short, there is agreement to update these outcomes, but the Forestry Workgroup was asked to consider opportunities to have one outcome for trees/buffers that captures all tree related activities.

Coming out of the MB meeting, the general **path forward is to work on revised language** for those outcomes where there was consensus on a path forward (including all of the WQ related outcomes). Those outcomes where there was not agreement will be discussed further on the April 10 MB meeting. The WQGIT leadership team will work on developing some starting language for an "updated 2025 WIP outcome", we will work with Keith Bollt to develop some starting language for Toxics, the Forestry workgroup will work on the tree related language, and STAR will work on language for the WQSAM outcome.

The deadline for language updates is Friday April 25, and that language will be discussed by the MB at the May 7-8 meeting. Outcome leads will lay out a process to coordinate and hear feedback on language in order to meet the April 25 deadline.

For the WQGIT we recognize this means we will not be able to use our monthly meeting (April 28) to discuss language before it goes to the Management Board. The WQGIT leadership team is

discussing the best way to coordinate this conversation and hear your feedback. We'll follow up soon with a process to workshop language as a group. All other outcome groups will have at least one meeting before the April 25 deadline (See [Bay Meetings Calendar](#) for dates).

Novel outcomes were presented on March 27. The Soil Health outcome was championed and presented by STAC on March 27. Voting on the novel outcomes will take place at the April 10 MB meeting.

The [PSC meeting was Friday March 28](#) and discussed a lot of topics, but no decisions were made. Decisions will come at the May PSC meeting. The PSC reviewed proposed changes to the Vision, Principles, and Preamble to date. That language continues to be edited. There was a presentation/discussion around goal reorganization ideas. There was support to continue discussion to streamline the goals (shifting from 10 to 4 goals was shared to start conversations). The PSC heard updates on the outcome disposition discussions and the public engagement process as discussed at the March 27 meeting. The MB committed to discuss definitions of outcome/output on the April 10 MB meeting to be presented to the PSC. There was support for GIT 6 to pursue the first [two recommendations](#) (slide 11) related to structure and governance as next steps.

Feel free to reach out with questions and we will do our best to respond, if we are able. Stay tuned for more updates regarding language.

Thanks for your continued support through these Beyond 2025 and Outcome discussions.

Best,

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