



Management Board Meeting

December 12, 2019

Location: Chesapeake Bay Program Office
410 Severn Ave. Suite 109, Annapolis, MD 21403
Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)

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Agenda

- I. **Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions** (10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.)
Jim Edward, CBP Deputy Director, will review the Actions and Decisions from the November 14, 2019 Management Board meeting.
Materials:
I. [Management Board Actions & Decisions, November 2019](#)
- II. **Cropland Irrigation BMP Panel Report** (10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.)
A brief overview and clarification of governance processes detailed in the approved CBP BMP Expert Panel Protocol followed by an overview and discussion about the Cropland Irrigation BMP Expert Panel Report. The Cropland Irrigation Expert Panel determined that there is *not* enough scientific data and information at this time to recommend a pollutant load reduction efficiency for the practice and that further research is needed. Tim Sexton, VA DCR and panel chair, presented the report to the Agriculture Workgroup on March 21st and May 16th for approval but consensus was not reached. The Water Quality GIT on June 10 also failed to reach consensus to approve the report. During the September 19 MB meeting, DE agreed to “withdraw [their] objections to this report and work on [their] own expert panel...to answer [their] specific” technical questions about alternative modeling approaches.” In response, the MB agreed on an approach that would allow DE to petition the Agriculture Workgroup (with input from STAC and STAR) to open a new expert panel once it documented new relevant science.
Decision Requested: The MB will be asked for a final decision (consensus) on the approval of the recommendation report.
Presenter: Lucinda Power, Water Quality GIT coordinator; Jason Keppler, Agriculture Workgroup Chair

Materials:

II.a. [Presentation](#)

II.b. CBP BMP Expert Panel Protocol

(https://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel/files/22798/cbp_bmp_expert_panel_protocol_w_qgit_approved_7.13.15.pdf)

III. Two-year Water Quality Milestones (10:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

An overview and discussion about the revised schedule and approach for how the partnership will measure and report progress on state and federal numeric and programmatic milestones.

Decision requested: Approve the revised schedule and discuss the approach for state and federal numeric and programmatic milestones.

Discussion lead: James Martin, WQGIT Co-Chair

Materials:

III. [WQGIT recommendation](#)

IV. BMP Verification Protocols and Procedures (11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

The Water Quality GIT submitted a draft letter to the Management Board on September 26 raising several concerns with the current BMP verification protocols and procedures and recommending that the BMP Verification Subcommittee or a similar new group be convened.

Discussion lead: Lucinda Power, EPA

Discussion Requested: A discussion of the draft MB response letter, comments from signatory partners and next steps.

Materials:

IV.a. [WQ GIT letter to the MB \(9.26.19\)](#)

IV.b. [Draft Response Letter from MB to WQ GIT \(11.20.19\)](#)

IV.c. [Presentation](#)

Lunch (12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.)

V. SRS Wrap up and follow-up actions (12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.)

A discussion and resolution of the unresolved Aquatic Life cohort items from the November 14 QPM

1) Update from STAR on the proposed timeline for discussing priority nearshore monitoring locations (to be discussed during an upcoming STAR meeting).

2) Update from Sean Corson (NOAA) on proposed timeline to work with Sarah Diebel (DOD) on identifying how the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program could be used to aid oyster restoration.

3) Update from Sean Corson (NOAA) on proposed timeline to work with the CBP communications team to share oyster success stories.

4) Update from Lew Linker (EPA) and Brooke Landry (MD DNR) on proposed timeline for working with modeling team to identify the basins associated with resilient, long-term SAV beds.

Discussion lead: Dave Goshorn (GIT 6) and outcome leads

Materials:

V.a. [November MB meeting actions and decisions document](#)

V.b. [Presentation on SAV and Modeling Team update](#)

VI. Branding the Chesapeake Bay Program (1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

A follow-up to the June 2019 presentation on how to improve the brand identity and recognition of the Chesapeake Bay Program both internally and externally. A small action team has been meeting since then to think about how we define and speak about ourselves. After an update, an elevator speech and options for moving forward will be presented to the Management Board for discussion and approval.

Action requested: Management Board approval of draft elevator speech and decisions on next steps.

Discussion lead: Rachel Felver (CBP/ACB)

Materials:

VI.a. [Presentation](#)

VI.b. Draft elevator speech

VII. Overview of 2018-19 Bay Barometer (2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

The CBP Communications Office will present an overview of the 2018-19 Bay Barometer and its draft timeline for release. Management Board members will be asked to review content once the first draft is finalized.

Action requested: Review content when finalized

Discussion leads: Rachel Felver (CBP/ACB)

Materials:

VII. [Presentation](#)

VIII. Business Meeting (2:30 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.)

Management Board discussion about future agenda items, key issues and program updates.

- Future agenda items suggested by partners:
 - How can CBP better engage the agriculture community? (PA)
 - Blue Crab management presented by Tom Miller (CBC)
- How to address where the partnership is falling behind (buffers, wetlands, etc.)
- Documenting changes to outcomes
- Executive Council Meetings: Follow up to 2019 actions, and planning for 2020 meeting
- Conowingo Updates: Progress on WIP Development and MDE/Exelon Settlement
- Communication updates *Deb Klenotic, Communications Workgroup Chair*
- Program updates
- Other Partner issues/updates

Discussion Lead: Jim Edward, CBP Deputy Director

Materials:

IX. [Program update](#)

IX. Wrap Up and Adjourn (2:55 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)