

Management Board Meeting

April 8, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

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Agenda

I. Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions (10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)

Michelle Price-Fay, Acting Management Board (MB) Chair, will kick-off the meeting

Materials:

I.a March Management Board Actions and Decisions

II. Chesapeake Bay Program Funding for Monitoring

(10:15 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.)

During the February PSC meeting, the CBP partners were asked to assess the level of funding needed to improve the capacity of CBP monitoring programs. The traditional CBP water quality and living resource monitoring networks (i.e., tidal and nontidal water quality, SAV and benthic macroinvertebrates) have been reduced and stressed while accommodating inflation, program vulnerabilities and flat funding over the past decade. Currently, management needs exceed network capacities with some long-standing gaps and the PSC wants to improve them. CBP leadership is developing a plan to address the PSC request and will share it with the MB. The plan includes providing: (1) An evaluation of our current networks' capabilities and vulnerabilities; and (2) Information on what is needed to improve the monitoring networks that includes incorporation of new tools, data collection and data evaluation methods. This activity will be led by STAR and the Integrated Monitoring Workgroup.

<u>MB Request</u>: Informational presentation – Alert MB members to this important activity and help that may be needed from their agencies.

Presenters: Lee McDonnell, EPA; Scott Phillips, STAR Co-Chair, USGS; Peter Tango, Integrated Monitoring Networks Workgroup, USGS

Materials:

II.a. Draft monitoring strategy brief

II.b. Presentation

III. Wetland Restoration Fact Sheet for Local Decision Makers

(10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

The Wetlands Workgroup has started developing factsheets targeted towards local decisionmakers. The factsheets will highlight wetland restoration successes from multiple state programs, plans, and initiatives and how restoring wetlands provide benefits for other programs and outcomes. The Workgroup will present the factsheet created for Virginia and seek Management Board feedback to help inform the creation of factsheets for each of the other jurisdictions.

MB Request: Opportunity for MB to ask questions and provide feedback.

Presenter: Kevin Dubois, Wetland Workgroup, DoD Navy

Materials:

III. Virginia Wetland Restoration Fact Sheet

IV. Climate Change Indicators

(11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)

The Climate Change and Resiliency Workgroup produced a list of prioritized Climate Indicators which was shared at the March 11 Management Board Meeting. The MB was asked to review this list, recognizing which indicators are also helpful to other outcomes. The list of indicators and supporting documents are posted on the March and April Management Board meeting pages.

MB Request: Discuss and reach final agreement on whether the Management Board Supports the selected indicators and timeframes.

Facilitator: Dave Goshorn GIT 6 Chair; Presenter: Mark Bennett, Climate Resiliency Workgroup Chair, USGS

Materials:

IV. List of prioritized Climate Change Indicators

V. Climate Resiliency BMP Follow Up

(11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)

The Climate Resiliency Workgroup will provide an overview of several projects currently underway that will help identify what we know and don't know about BMP performance under changing climate conditions. The CRWG is looking to use the information from these projects to help develop a BMP climate change research agenda. The workgroup will be seeking MB feedback on: 1) how to prioritize BMP climate (taking into consideration which which BMPs are most vulnerable to climate change; have the most water quality benefit; have the most co-benefits); 2) how to fund BMP climate change research; 3) What role might the Climate Action Team play in getting support for BMP climate change research? (This action was granted an extension until the April 8th Management Board Meeting at the request of the CRWG.)

Presenters: Mark Bennett and Julie Reichert-Nguyen, Climate Resiliency Workgroup MB Request: Provide feedback to the CRWG on ideas to prioritize BMP climate change research and possible funding plan approaches.

Materials:

V. List of BMPs prioritized for Climate Change

VI. Local Engagement -- Strategies for Engaging Local Audiences

(11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

During the February, SRS meeting, the Local Action Cohort identified the need for refined messages for local audiences; identifying translators and trusted sources; developing interpretative communication products; and creating objective measures of success that the CBP can influence. The Team is seeking direction on how the partnership should engage with local audiences, including: a proposed framework that outlines processes for doing this work; clear roles/responsibilities for states, CBP staff; and a commitment to following through on these processes/responsibilities.

MB Request: Opportunity for MB to ask questions and provide feedback.

Presenter: Greg Barranco, EPA CBPO

Materials:

VI.a. Local Engagement Proposal

VI.b. Presentation

LUNCH BREAK

(12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.)

VII. Biennial Meeting Planning

(12:45 p.m.- 1:15 p.m.)

A brief overview of planning efforts for the May 12-13 Biennial Meeting, including a review of desired meeting outcomes, major sessions and proposed speakers.

MB Request: Opportunity for MB to ask questions and provide feedback.

Presenter: Greg Barranco, CBPO, EPA

Materials:

VII. Presentation

VIII. Business Meeting

(1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.)

Discussion about future agenda items, key issues and program updates.

- GIT Chairs needed: Habitat (GIT 2) and Healthy Watersheds (GIT 4)
- New LGAC Chair: Jasmine Gore, Virginia
- Conowingo status update
- Program Update
- Future items for MB consideration

Materials:

VIII. Program Update, April 2021

IX. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn

(1:45 p.m.)