

CBP Principals' Staff Committee
November 6, 2013

Actions and Decisions

Local Engagement Recommendation

- **Decision:** Approved language (developed by LGAC) inserted throughout the draft agreement (alternative to originally proposed goal and outcomes) that recognizes that local governments are key partners and calls for management strategies to describe how local governments will be engaged in outcome implementation.

Preamble: (Page 1, paragraph 4) “Local governments are key partners as are individual citizens, businesses, watershed groups and other non-governmental organizations. Working together to engage, empower and facilitate these partners will leverage resources and ensure better outcomes.”

Goals and Outcomes (Page 3 paragraph 2): “The actions necessary to achieve the goals and outcomes identified below will be articulated in Management Strategies which are further described in the next section of this Agreement. This work will require effort from many, including all levels of government, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations, watershed groups and individual citizens. Local government will continue to play a unique and critical role in helping the Partnership realize the shared vision for the Chesapeake Bay. As new opportunities and concerns are identified by the partnership, goals and outcomes may be adopted or modified.”

Management Strategies (page 9 paragraph 1): “Where appropriate, Management Strategies should describe how local governments, nonprofit and private partners will be engaged; where actions, tools or technical support are needed to empower local governments and others to do their part; and what steps will be taken to facilitate greater local participation in achieving the Outcome. “

Management Strategies Language (Recommended by WV)

- **Decision:** Approved language that clarifies jurisdictions’ discretion and level of participation in management strategies.

Goals and Outcomes (Page 3, paragraph 3): “Except for those outcomes required by law and related to the implementation of the TMDL under the Water quality goal, each signatory, ~~at its discretion, will indicate its level of participation in the strategies~~ may exercise its discretion to participate in the development and implementation of individual outcomes’ management strategies depending upon relevance, resources, priorities, or other factors ~~enhancing or limiting participation~~. Partnerships with other agencies, organizations, and stakeholders will be

identified as appropriate. Signatories may decide to adjust their level of participation in the implementation of strategies as circumstances warrant. “

Multiple Outcomes

- Decision: Approved new language to clarify that management strategies may address multiple outcomes if deemed appropriate.

Management Strategies (Page 7, Paragraph 8): “Management strategies may address multiple outcomes if deemed appropriate.”

Water Quality Standards Outcome

- Decision: Language proposed for a new water quality standard outcome was not approved.

WQ Standards Attainment Outcome: “By 2017, establish an outcome, based on monitoring data and sound science, that projects a percentage of Bay segments that will meet water quality standards by 2025.” (Proposed Addition)

Agreement Timeline Options

- Decision: Agreed to modify the Agreement development timeline (consistent with option #2 as modified; see attached timeline).
- Decision: Agreed to hold an EC meeting on December 12, 2013
- Decision: Agreed to shorten the comment period from 60 days to 45 days.

EC Meeting Agenda Options

- Decision: Agreed to Option 2 as modified (see attached draft agenda).
- Decision: Agreed to the overall format for the December EC meeting including a private breakfast with reports from Advisory Committee chairs focused on their committee’s comments and recommendations on the current draft Agreement.
- Decision: The December 12 EC meeting will be held at the National Arboretum

Agreement Timeline (as approved by the PSC, 11/6/13)

Option 2 (as modified): At the December 12, 2013 EC meeting, the EC chair will announce its intent to release the Draft Agreement at the end of January 2014 and hold a 45 day public review and comment period. A signing ceremony for the final Agreement will be in Spring 2014.

- Pros: It would give adequate time for signatory review of the draft prior to going out for public review. The directive would keep the timeline on track, since it would be a commitment of the EC.
- Cons: There will not be a draft that the EC members can release in December, making the December EC meeting less meaningful.

Executive Council Meeting and Media Event Overview (as approved by the PSC, 11/6/13)

Option 2 (as modified):

Date: December 12, 2013 (10 a.m. to 12:00 noon)

Location: National Arboretum, Washington, DC

Meeting Focus: Draft Agreement

Agenda (tentative):

Private Breakfast (EC+1)

- Election of New Chair
- Advisory Committee comments and recommendations (focusing on the draft Agreement)
- Discussion of Agreement – Strengths and sticking points
- EC members briefed on press conference

Press Conference

- Release draft Agreement or directive
- Announce new Chair
- Each EC member in their remarks highlights an important accomplishment of the Partnership over the past 30 years