



Chesapeake Bay Partnership Meeting of the Principals' Staff Committee

**CBP Joe Macknis Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)
410 Severn Avenue, Suite 116
Annapolis, MD 21403
May 14, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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Agenda

I. Welcome, Introductory Remarks and Updates (10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.)

- *Shawn Garvin, PSC Chair*, will open the meeting, take roll call and make introductory remarks.
- Director's Program Update - *Nick DiPasquale, CBP Director* will provide highlights of the Program Update and review action items from last meeting.

Materials:

- Attachment Ia: Actions/Decisions from February 16, 2012 PSC meeting
- Attachment Ib: Program Update

II. Best Use of the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership as a Forum to Support Individual Jurisdictions' Restoration Implementation (10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.) Facilitated discussion of PSC members to begin to develop a common set of priorities that the collective partnership is best suited to work together on. Discussion could include:

- Identifying shared issues which the partnership could work to resolve (example: development of tools for supporting local decisions on more cost effective/reduction efficient solutions to local sources of nutrients and sediments which maximize local benefits, BMP verification, continued enhancements of monitoring networks, shared support on legislative agendas)
- Discussing technical support/knowledge transfer opportunities and mechanisms the partnership can support (example: workshop and training on financing mechanisms, approaches, and commitment to long term support)
- Helping create opportunities for maximizing the effectiveness of existing funding sources (example: agricultural cost share and technical assistance funding from NRCS, FSA, 319, CBIG, CBRAP, state cost share programs, and NGOs)
- Facilitator: *Rich Batiuk, EPA*

III. Identification of Issues Emerging From the Proposed Partnership-wide BMP Verification System (11:20 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.)

Update on process, panel membership and timeline for proposed BMP Verification System.

- Presenter: Rich Batiuk, EPA

Materials:

- Attachment III: Presentation
- Chesapeake Stat: http://stat.chesapeakebay.net/?q=node/130&quicktabs_10=4

IV. The Role of CBP Advisory Committees (11:35 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Discussion about the role of CBP Advisory Committees. (*Agenda item requested by Virginia NR Secretary Domenech*)

- Presenter: Doug Domenech, Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources

V. Lunch Break (12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

VI. Progress on Reducing Nutrient and Sediment Pollution (12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Briefing and discussion about options for how we will evaluate and articulate our progress on meeting our water quality goals. Discuss proposed briefing package for the Executive Council including Backgrounder, Milestone templates and 2011 Progress Run.

- Presenter: Carin Bisland, EPA, GIT 6 Vice Chair
- **Requested Action:** Approve briefing package for use at Executive Council meeting.

Materials:

- Attachment VIa: Presentation
- Attachment VIb: Draft EC briefing package templates

VII. Assessing Progress Toward Chesapeake Restoration Using Expanded Nontidal Monitoring Data and Improved Tidal Monitoring Analysis to Achieve Water Quality Standards (1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Discuss a three-pronged integrated approach being discussed by the Water-Quality Goal Implementation Team and STAR to improve accountability for meeting water quality standards in the Chesapeake Bay. Discuss how current monitoring information can be better integrated with reporting of BMPs to help partners assess progress in meeting nutrient and sediment load reductions, and water-quality standards in the Bay.

- Presenter: Scott Phillips, USGS, CBP Nontidal Workgroup Chair
- **Requested Action:** Discuss the proposed approach and make recommendations and suggestions.

Materials:

- Attachment VIIa: “Enhanced use of Monitoring data to assess progress toward meeting Chesapeake Bay water-quality standards”
- Attachment VIIb: Presentation

VIII. GIT Decision Framework Implementation (1:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.)

Update on progress and summary of emerging patterns and trends in the Goal Implementation Teams' use of the CBP Decision Framework. PSC members and GIT Chairs will discuss key findings, gaps and challenges, opportunities and next steps. .

- **Presenter:** Carl Hershner, VIMS, *Decision Framework Implementation Workgroup Chair*
- Overview: GIT Use of CBP Decision Framework
- *ChesapeakeStat* example of decision framework in action; how the MB can use the decision framework to coordinate GIT priorities and identify opportunities
- **Requested Action:** Agree to continue GIT decision framework implementation and develop a process and long-term timeline for continued implementation.

Materials:

- Attachment VIIIa: Presentation: Decision Framework Progress
- Attachment VIIIb: "Coordinating Chesapeake Bay Program and Federal Leadership Committee Goals, Outcomes, and Actions"
- Chesapeake Stat: http://stat.chesapeakebay.net/?q=node/127&quicktabs_25=1

IX. Planning for the Executive Council Meeting (2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.)

Discuss current planning for June 2012 Executive Council meeting including venue, agenda and themes. Discuss State of the Program Package - Overview of 2012 State of the Program Report package for the Chesapeake Executive Council meeting

- **Presenter:** Margaret Enloe, *CBP Communications Director*
- **Decision Requested:** *Discuss and approve agenda and meeting themes.*

Materials:

- Attachment IX: Presentation

X. Review of Actions and Decisions (2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Review of PSC actions and decisions and solicit additional items for next PSC meeting.