

Background: MSWG Recommendation and the WQGIT Response

2015 Land Use Projections and 2015 Milestone Commitments

- Refer to [5/28/13 MSWG meeting materials](#) and [minutes](#) related to discussion of 2014-2015 land use projections and decision regarding which version of the 2015 land use projections will be used to develop 2015 milestone commitments.
- Recommendation from MSWG to WQGIT:
“2015 milestone commitments will be developed using most up to-date-data available (using 2015 projections available in September 2013) and when the 2015 projections can be updated in Spring 2014 (based on the new 2012 Ag census being available), jurisdictions have the option to re-run and update 2015 milestone commitment targets accordingly. The 2015 milestone commitments provided to EPA by Jan 15, 2014 should be considered “draft”. If updates are required in spring 2014, those versions should be considered “final” (or “amended”). If a jurisdiction decides updates are not required in the spring, their Jan submission should be considered “final”. Only “final/amended” versions of the 2015 milestone commitments should be communicated as final commitments to the public.”

If Jan 15, 2014 versions of the 2015 milestone submissions are posted to the Bay TMDL website, they'll be clearly labeled as subject to change pending forthcoming information, similar to how draft milestones and WIPs have been posted on the Bay TMDL website in the past.

- Relevant Decision/Action from June 10, 2013 meeting of the WQGIT:

“DECISION: WQGIT will continue the discussion of the Milestone Workgroup’s Recommendation for which 2015 projections to use when setting milestone commitments and assessing progress at July call. General support was expressed on aspects 1 and 2 of the recommendation:

1. Milestones submitted by January 15, 2014 deadline to be based on September 2013 version of 2015 projections;
2. Jurisdictions have the opportunity to amend milestone commitments based on 2013 progress run, EPA comments, updated 2015 projections that incorporate 2012 Ag Census and other data sources.

However, aspect 3 of the recommendation for what should be posted online and when needs to be resolved prior to WQGIT approving the full recommendation.”

Refer to [6/10/12 WQGIT meeting materials](#) for additional information.