

DEIJ Action Team Update

Chairs

Meryem Karad, Virginia *Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources*

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DEIJ Action Team “Vision”

DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan

- ▶ Develop roadmap for implementing DEIJ Strategy Action Plan, identifying additional actions, subtasks, steps, and resources needed to ensure implementation by end of 2025.

Community Advisory Board

- ▶ Develop recommendations for establishing a Community Advisory Board composed environmental justice leaders and representatives from underrepresented groups, identifying feasible options for board purpose, structure, membership, governance, funding/compensation, timing, etc.

Outreach and Communications

- ▶ Engage underrepresented communities in the development of the implementation plan and recommendations for the Community Advisory Board. Use the engagement process as a foundation for organizational change and meaningful and long-term engagement with underrepresented communities.

DEIJ Action Team Structure

Subgroup 1: DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan

- ▶ Strategy Focus Area 1: Strengthening CBP's Authorizing Environment for DEIJ
- ▶ Strategy Focus Area 2: Advancing DEIJ Internally

Subgroup 2: DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan

- ▶ Strategy Focus Area 3: Advancing DEIJ through Watershed Restoration/Mission-Related Work
- ▶ Strategy Focus Area 4: Advance DEIJ Performance of Partners

Subgroup 3: Community Advisory Board

- ▶ Operationalizing the Community Advisory Board (CAB)

Outreach & Communications Team

- ▶ Comprised of subgroup liaisons and CBP Communications staff

Action Team Members—Tribes and Jurisdictions

Organization	Staff Representative
<u>Tribes</u>	
Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe	Reggie Tupponce
Rappahannock Tribe	Woodie Walker
<u>Chesapeake Bay Watershed Jurisdictions</u>	
Delaware	Eric Dawson Clare Sevcik
District of Columbia	Jeff Seltzer (Co-Chair) Kevin Newman
Maryland	Dave Goshorn Cindy Osorto Trystan Sill
New York	Rosa Mendez Jordan Gougler
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Alayna Schmeider Allison Acevedo, Esq Emily Hendrickson Laruen Imgrund Jill Whitcomb
Commonwealth of Virginia	Anne Jennings Nathan Burrell Arianna E. Johns Megan Bascone Meryem Karad (Co-Chair)

Action Team Members—Federal Agencies

Federal Agencies	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	
	Samantha Beers
	Jim Edward
	Tuana Philips
Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	Bo Williams
	Genieve LaRouche
	Chris Guy
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	
	Sean Corson
	Lauren Taneyhill
National Park Service (NPS)	
	Wendy O'Sullivan
	Sangita Chari
U.S. Forest Service (USFS)	
	Sally Claggett
	Julie Mahorter
U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)	
	Renee Thompson
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	
	Trena Ferrell
USDA NRCS	
	Mark Defley

Action Team Members—Chesapeake Bay Partnership

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Advisory Committees

Citizen Advisory Committee

Julie Lawson

Jess Blackburn

Local Government Advisory Committee

Daniel Chao

Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee

Annabelle Harvey

Tom Ihde

Diversity Workgroup

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Ola Davis

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Carmera Thomas

EPA

Tuana Philips

Ivan Hernandez

CBP GIT's and Workgroups

USGS, Maintain Healthy Watersheds GIT

Renee Thompson

GIT Chairs

Kristin Saunders

Communications

Caitlyn Johnstone

Timeline

January 2021

- 1/5: Outreach Plan in place/outreach begins
- 1/15: Plan Template and Elements
- 1/15: Draft priority actions & subtasks selected

April & May 2021

- PSC Meeting: CAB Recommendations due; Draft Final DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan.

December 2021

- EC approves CAB

December 2020

- 12/17 PSC Meeting
- 12/31: Outreach Communities list
- 12/31: Outreach issues/ questions identified

February & March 2021

- 2/18: Draft Implementation Plan due
- PSC Meeting: Present draft plan and provide progress update on CAB (issue options presented).

September 2021

- PSC Meeting: Final DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan due

2022

- CAB Convenes



Questions
