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*Virtual Meeting*

**February 24 and February 25: 10:00am - 3:15pm**

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***Meeting Goal:***

Continue to build community among CAC members and learn more about a key priority of the CAC Water Quality Subcommittee.

***Meeting Objectives:***

*Day One:* (1) Affirm CAC purpose and identity; (2) Gather insights to refine member engagement; (3) Review proposed changes to the CAC bylaws.

*Day Two:* Understand the implications of the Conowingo Dam's impact and options to address it.

**Thursday, February 24: Your Home Office**

**10:00 a.m. Call to Order and Welcome.....Julie Lawson, Chair**

- Introduction of members and guests
- Opening remarks about meeting goal and objectives

**10:10 a.m. CAC Business Meeting**

- Approval of December 2021 Meeting Minutes
- Chair Updates
  - [CAC, LGAC and STAC blog](#) about common Advisory Committee themes
  - Three additional blogs for this year, authored by the CAC subcommittee chairs with quotes from CAC members
  - [Chesapeake Behavior Change Website](#)- Future CAC Learning Session
  - Takeaways from the Feb 10th Behavior Change Forum
  - Takeaways from February Management Board meeting
- Updates from the CAC Subcommittee Chairs
- Brief Member Announcements

**10:30 a.m. [Member Spotlights](#)**

A new standing agenda item when each meeting a few members will offer a 5-minute presentation on their work. This time is intended to allow members to highlight their interests while the Committee learns more about their CAC colleague's expertise and perspectives.

- Abel Olivo (MD)
- Brenna Goggin (DE)
- Ann Jurczyk (VA)

**11:00 a.m. 15-minute Break**

- 11:15 a.m. Stewardship & Engagement Subcommittee Topic**  
**New CBP Communications and Engagement Products..... [Rachel Felver](#)**  
**Communications Director, [Chesapeake Bay Program](#) Office**
- Water quality BMP case studies by local governments, citizens, and private companies that generate economic and other co-benefits:
    - [Beyond Environmental Benefits Database and Search Tool](#)
  - Hooked on Clean Water State Factsheets:
    - [Investing in Clean Water Keeps PA Economy and Fisheries Healthy](#)
    - [Investing in Clean Water Keeps DE Economy and Fisheries Healthy](#)
    - [Investing in Clean Water Keeps MD Economy and Fisheries Healthy](#)
    - [Investing in Clean Water Keeps VA Economy and Fisheries Healthy](#)
  - Economic Value of Outdoor Recreation in States' portions of the Bay Watershed:
    - [Outdoor Recreation Boosts NY Economy](#)
    - [Outdoor Recreation Boosts PA Economy](#)
    - [Outdoor Recreation Boosts DE Economy](#)
    - [Outdoor Recreation Boosts MD Economy](#)
    - [Outdoor Recreation Boosts VA Economy](#)
- 12:00 p.m. One Hour Lunch Break**
- 1:00 p.m. Committee Tune-up**  
**Objectives:**  
 (1) Affirm CAC purpose and identity.  
 (2) Collect insights to refine member engagement and effectiveness.
- Opening Remarks by Chair, Julie Lawson**
- Part One: Affirm (Where We Are)**  
**Affirm CAC purpose and identity.**
- Presentation:
    - Highlights of recent operational changes
    - CAC Charter and Purpose
    - Review of the proposed changes to CAC Bylaws
    - Clarifying Questions
    - Member Polling
- 1:45 p.m. 15-minute Break**
- 2:00 p.m. Part Two: Refine (Where We are Headed)**  
 Gather insights that will help refine member engagement and effectiveness.  
 Small Group Sessions to generate ideas  
 Questions:
- Bylaws:
    - What do you like about the bylaws?
    - What do you not like about the bylaws?
    - What is missing that should be added?

- Guidance and Insights:
  - Are the expectations of your membership clear to you?
  - What benefits do you get from being a CAC member?
- What other operational / internal topics should we explore together?
  - What would be helpful for those conversations (data, examples, etc...)?

**3:00 p.m. Plenary Reconvenes**

- *Quick Responses using the chat*
  - What is missing in the bylaws that should be added?
  - What benefits do you get from being a CAC member?
  - What other operational / internal topics should we explore together?
- Next Steps

**3:15 p.m. Meeting Recess**

**Friday, February 25: Your Home Office**

**10:00 a.m. Meeting Reconvenes.....Julie Lawson, Chair**

- Brief Overview of Today's Agenda and Objectives
- CAC Member Discussion
  - Reflections on Committee Tune-up Small Group Sessions (All)
  - Member updates

**10:30 a.m. Chesapeake Bay Program Updates.....[Martha Shimkin](#)  
Deputy Director, [EPA Chesapeake Bay Program](#) Office**

- Announcements
- Overview of recent EPA Region 3 letters (**Lucinda Power, EPA**)
  - [EPA Expectations on PA's Amended Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan \(PA WIP\)](#)
  - [EPA's Evaluation of the Final Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan \(CWIP\)](#)
- CBP Responses to [CAC 2021 Annual Recommendations](#)
- March 2 PSC Agenda

**11:15 a.m. 15-Minute Break**

**11:25 a.m. What is the big deal about the Conowingo Dam?**

CAC Water Quality Subcommittee Panel

**Objective: Understand the implications of the dam's impact and options to address it.**

**Opening Remarks and Presentation by Subcommittee Chair, Matt Ehrhart**

Background:

- Why does the Conowingo Dam matter?
- What were the policy decisions to account for the Conowingo Dam in the TMDL?
- How does the dam impact the local level?
- Brief overview of the CAC's position on the Conowingo Dam
- Overview of the Panel Outline

## **Part One: Conowingo Dam Panel - Science and Policy**

- **Jill Whitcomb, PA DEP and co-chair CWIP Steering Committee (10 minutes)**

What is PA's reaction to the EPA's evaluation of the unfunded Conowingo WIP (CWIP) and potential reallocation of the Conowingo Dam pollution loads? Given the resource challenges to meet the PA WIP, would PA consider putting state dollars into a CWIP ? What are your ideas on using federal funding sources for the Conowingo Dam?

- **Andy Miller, University of Maryland and STAC (15 minutes)**

Why has this discussion surfaced again, is there new science? What is the current scientific thinking about the Conowingo Dam's impact?

What is the best approach to mitigate the dam's impact? What do we know about what is in the dredge material? Are there ecological concerns about resuspending problematic components from the dredge spoil?

**12:15 p.m. 45-minute Lunch Break**

**1:00 p.m. Part Two: Conowingo Panel - Mitigation Approaches and Funding**

(5 min Quick Recap of takeaways)

- **Matt Rowe, MD DNR and co-chair for CWIP Steering Committee (10 minutes)**

What is MD's reaction to EPA's evaluation of the unfunded CWIP and potential reallocation of the Conowingo Dam pollution loads? Given the resource challenges to meet the MD WIP, would MD consider putting state dollars into a Conowingo WIP? What are the ecological and economic findings of MD's dredging pilot project? What are the obstacles to operationalize dredging behind the dam?

- **Doug Myers, Chesapeake Bay Foundation (10 minutes)**

What is CBF's reaction to EPA's evaluation of the unfunded CWIP and potential reallocation of the Conowingo Dam pollution loads? Does it matter where we get the pollution reductions? What is the value of focusing BMPs upstream versus dredging behind the Dam? What are the trade-offs and why?

- **Jeff Corbin, Restoration Systems (10 minutes)**

Does it matter where we get the pollution reductions? What is the value of dredging versus focusing BMPs upstream? What are the ecological and economic opportunities associated with dredging? Is public subsidy required for a viable dredge business venture?

- **Betsy Nicholas, Waterkeepers Chesapeake (10 minutes)**

What is the Waterkeepers' reaction to EPA's evaluation of the unfunded CWIP and potential reallocation of the Conowingo Dam pollution loads?

Does it matter where we get the pollution reductions? What are the Waterkeepers' perspective of the Dam's impact? What are the Waterkeepers Chesapeake views on the structure of financial responsibility?

**1:45 p.m. Conowingo Panel Q&A**

**2:10 p.m. 10-Minute Break**

- 2:20 p.m.      CAC Discussion**
- Wrap-up and Action Items
  - Closing Remarks
- 3:15 p.m.      Adjourn**
- 4:30 p.m.      Optional Virtual Networking Session**

**CAC 2022 Meeting Dates**

*May 18-19: CAC Emerging Issues Panel on Solar Farms*

*September 15-16: CAC Stewardship & Engagement Panel on Capacity Building Grants*

*December 7-8: TBD*