



Management Board

June 9, 2022

Actions/Decisions

Partner Updates

- **Follow Up Actions from May Meeting due by COB**
MB Jurisdiction representatives were asked to email Shannon Sprague (shannon.sprague@noaa.gov) by June 9 indicating whether they will provide the estimated cost of implementing and sustaining systemic MWEEs in their jurisdiction (Yes or No), by the end of the calendar year. Jurisdiction Reps are asked to include what if any assistance they need to accomplish this action in their email.
- MB members agreed to nominate staff from each of their jurisdictions to discuss diversifying the environmental workforce through youth programs, including exploring intentional pathways involving CTE/STEM. Email names to Shannon Sprague as soon as possible, if you did not by May 26.

Science-based Approach for Targeting Chesapeake Resources

A team including Scott Philips (USGS), John Wolf (USGS) and Ken Hyer (USGS) presented on a scientific approach to allow agencies and organizations to better target resources to areas and activities which accelerate progress for multiple CBP outcomes. Following this presentation and discussion, all members and interested parties were invited to discuss possible uses and paths forward for this approach and the suite of tools highlighted by the presenters.

- **Action:** The team pursuing this effort will read through the responses provided by the Management Board and continue working with partners at the GIT and Workgroup Level to build out the WebHub and develop tools that meet the needs of the partnership.

Improving Outcome Attainment, Prioritization and Accountability

During the June MB meeting, Carin Bisland (EPA) and Sherry Witt (GDIT) facilitated a continued discussion of improving outcome attainment, prioritization, and accountability. MB Members and interested parties in attendance were asked to provide feedback on what they believed the management board should focus its efforts on, how best to prioritize outcomes, and how efforts to achieve each outcome should be distributed across the partnership in order to achieve the 2025 goals outlined in the 2014 Watershed Agreement.

- **Action:** The team that provided this presentation will compile and analyze the feedback shared on the Jamboard during the meeting. They will report back on their findings at the July 14 MB Meeting.

Discussion on Adding Inclusive Language to CBP Guiding Documents

During the February and May MB meetings, the Stewardship Workgroup and GIT6 petitioned the MB to consider replacing the word “citizen” in certain parts of the Chesapeake Bay Program’s guiding documents to include individuals within the watershed who can contribute to and benefit from the

Watershed Agreement's goals and outcomes. The MB requested a list of recommended language changes to the Watershed Agreement for consideration. This list was included in the June MB meeting materials and discussed so the Management Board could reach a consensus decision on follow up actions.

- **Decision:** Signatory Representatives uniformly endorsed making the recommended language changes to the Governance Document.
 - **Action:** The Governance Document Action Team Will finalize the recommended changes to the Governance Document outlined in the documents provided for this meeting.
- **Decision:** Signatory Representatives reached consensus to endorse advancing the recommended changes to 2014 Watershed Agreement to the PSC for their review.
 - The Virginia Representative endorsed this action with the caveat that when this action is presented to the EC, it is framed such that it is clear that the Watershed Agreement is not being reopened for negotiation at the EC level.

Executive Council Climate Change Directive

Following the April Management Board Meeting, the Climate Directive Implementation team created a "crosswalk" populated with activities the partnership is taking to implement the 2021 EC Climate Change Directive. During the June MB meeting, the team asked the Management Board to provide feedback on the current version of their workplan, recommend an approach for showcasing partnership activities, and decide on next steps to work together to prioritize the final group of actions that will be advanced to the PSC at their July 19 meeting.

- **Action:** Climate Directive Implementation Team and CBP staff will reach out to Management Board to gather feedback and achieve consensus as to which of the proposed partnership-level actions to move pursue. Consensus will be finalized by June 5 and the implementation team will present those proposed actions to the PSC at their July 19 Meeting.
- **Action:** The Climate Directive Implementation Team will return at the July 14 MB meeting to provide an update on the latest workplan as they prepare to go to the PSC.

The WQGIT's Concerns with CAST -21 Updates

The Water Quality Goal Implementation Team sent a letter to the MB sharing their concerns with CAST-21. In response, EPA Regional Administrator Adam Ortiz sent an email on May 31 to the PSC setting out a path forward, noting a forthcoming response to comments and the intention to finalize CAST-21 by June 10. He asked for support and consensus on the proposed path forward requesting each jurisdiction send their concurrence by June 6. During the June MB meeting, the WQGIT co-chairs Ed Dunne (DOEE) and Suzanne Trevena (EPA) provided an update on the responses and a discussion about next steps.

- **Update:** The WQGIT's letter is available on the meeting page for review.

Acceptance of Final SRS Materials for Stewardship Outcomes

The Stewardship Cohort prepared and submitted for review their final logic and action plans for public and MB feedback. The comment period ended on May 27 and the documents were presented for MB acceptance at the June MB Meeting.

- **Decision:** The Management Board accepted the Stewardship Cohort's materials as final marking the end of the Stewardship Cohort's 3rd SRS cycle.

Executive Council Meeting Planning

The next Chesapeake Executive Council meeting is being planned for September 2022 and a planning committee has been established. The CBP Communications Office provided an update on planning efforts.

- **Update:** The Executive Council Planning Team is working to identify venues for the EC's Private Lunch and Public Meeting this fall. The planning team is looking to dates in early October with the recognition that an earlier date is better for many jurisdictions who have November elections.