

Principals Staff Committee Conference Call
Actions and Decisions
August 10, 2016

Attendees:

PSC Members

Molly Ward, VA Nat. Res.
Shawn Garvin, EPA
Ann Swanson, CBC
Mark Belton, MD DNR
Ben Grumbles, MDE
Pat McDonnell, PA DEP
Jeff Laitila, DOD NAVY
Col. Jason Kelly, USACE Norfolk
Col. Ed Chamberlayne, USACE
Camille Mittleholtz, US DOT
Nick DiPasquale, MB Chair
Brienne Nadeau, LGAC
Lisa Wainger, STAC
Charlie Stek, CAC

PSC Alternates

Russ Baxter, VA Nat. Res
Hamid Karimi, DC DOEE
Scott Mandirola, WV DEP

Dana Aunkst, PA DEP
Sam Towell, VA Ag. & For.
Christophe Tulou, EPA
Jim Edward, EPA
Mike Slattery, USFWS
Jason Dubow, MD DEP
Marel King, CBC

Others

James Davis-Martin, VA DEQ
Dave Goshorn, MD DNR
Diane Davis, DC DOEE
John Schneider, DE DNREC
Carin Bisland, EPA
Greg Barranco, EPA
Tim Garcia, USDA NRCS
Jackie Lendrum, NY DEC
Nicki Kasi, PA DEP
Teresa Koon, WV DEP
Lee Currey, MDE

Heather Cisar, USACE
Nicole Lehmer, CRC
Rachel Felver, AFB
Rachel Dixon, STAC
Emilie Franke, NOAA
Sara Latessa, NY DEC
Jessica Blackburn, CAC
Lucinda Power, EPA
Doreen Vetter, EPA
Kristen Saunders, UMCES
Jen Sincock, EPA
Paula Jasinski
Mary Gattis, LGAC
Ruby Brabo, LGAC
Karl Blackenship, Bay Journal
Linda Miller, EPA
Lauren Taneyhill, NOAA
Rich Batiuk, EPA

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Review of May Actions & Decisions

Action: CBP staff, Lucinda Power, will work with Jeff Sweeney to complete state-specific pie charts for 1985/2015 TN, TP and SS as discussed at the May 2016 PSC meeting. The Chesapeake Bay Commission (CBC) requested that the charts be completed in time to share with their three member states before their September 7-8, 2016 meeting.

Confirm NAS as the Recommended Independent Evaluator

Decision: PSC members voted to support recommending the National Academies of Science (NAS) as the CBP independent evaluator, pending consultation with Senator Warner and Rep. Wittman. The vote from the signatories was as follows: Yea – Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia, Chesapeake Bay Commission; Nay – West Virginia, New York; Abstain – EPA.

Action: PSC Chair Molly Ward agreed to meet with Sen. Warner and Rep. Wittman and/or their staff to confirm they fully understand the financial implications of selecting the NAS. If Sen. Warner and Rep. Wittman indicate any concerns with selecting the NAS, they will request that the PSC reconsider the selection.

Environmental Finance Symposium

Note: The PSC recognizes that the current draft *Environmental Finance Symposium Recommendations and Report* is based in part on the Environmental Finance Symposium held in

April 25-26 2016. The PSC further recognizes that the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) also relied on published materials and solicited expert opinions received *after* the Symposium and included it in the current draft report.

Action: Once the PSC is satisfied that the EFC has addressed its comments, the PSC will consider the report final. Currently, the deadline for the final report is September 1, 2016. The EFC is expected to prepare a final report by September 1, 2016 according to the established schedule which addresses any comments received to date.

Action: Once the report is final it will be sent to the PSC to develop a recommended CBP response to deliver to the Executive Council. This advice to the EC does not have to be at a scheduled meeting.

Decision: The PSC agreed to inform the EC at its September 27, 2016 meeting that the Symposium took place and a report was prepared. The EC will be informed that the PSC is in the process of reviewing the recommendations and will advise the EC on a CBP response once the review is complete.

Action: The Environmental Finance Symposium report should be amended to reflect it is not based solely on discussions from the symposium, but that additional input and recommendations from experts is included. References to these additional sources of information should be included in the report.

EC Planning

Action: LGAC Chair Brianne Nadeau will send an email to the PSC members with LGAC's recommendations on actions the EC could take to enhance local government engagement.

Action: PSC members who wish to provide comments on the recommended LGAC actions, the current EC agenda or the themes should contact their EC Planning team members.

Action: Chair Molly Ward confirmed that the USACE will provide a briefing on their Chesapeake Bay Comprehensive Plan during the EC meeting.

Action: The Army Corp of Engineers requested that the CBP use the acronym "USACE" in all future documents.

Water Quality: Phase III WIP Expectations

Decision: In recognition of the Local Area Target Task Force and its work, the PSC recommended amending the current draft Phase III WIP Expectations document with the following to replace the existing language on p. 10 ("Key deadline"):

"The decision of whether local area targets should be included in the Phase III WIPs is currently under consideration by the Chesapeake Bay Program's Local Area Targets Task Force. Any expectations related to the use, form and scale of local area targets should be based on the recommendations of the Task Force which are due by March 2017."

Note: EPA Region 3 Administrator Shawn Garvin indicated he was not inclined to make any changes to the draft Phase III expectations document until after he has additional conversations with the Local Area Targets Task Force and the National Association of Counties.