

Management Board April 14, 2022 Actions/Decisions

Partner Updates

PSC Monitoring Report

Update: Following this meeting, the PSC Monitoring Report Team sent out its near-final report on recommendations to enhance and sustain CBP monitoring networks for a 2-week review in preparation for presentation to the PSC at the May 17 meeting. During this time, Management Board Members are asked to review the report and identify any inaccuracies related to the jurisdictions, groups and goal teams they represent or work with. Feedback should be sent to Amy Goldfischer (agoldfischer@chesapeakebay.net) by COB on Wednesday April 27.

Infrastructure Funding Update

Martha Shimkin (EPA), with input from other federal agency colleagues, provided a status update on expected new funds through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act as well as an update on EPA's fiscal year 2022 grant guidance.

- Action: Following guidance from EPA Headquarters, Martha will share the funding amounts
 allocated for each jurisdiction in the near future. Completed. CBP staff are working to finalize
 the Infrastructure Guidance and plan to issue that guidance to jurisdictions in May.
- Action: A new funding matrix will be distributed once it becomes available. In progress.

Executive Council Climate Change Directive Update

On behalf of the Climate Directive work-planning group, Marcia Fox delivered an update on the process and activities the partnership is collectively taking to implement the 2021 EC Climate Change Directive.

- **Update:** The climate work planning group met in January to create a work plan for the Climate Directive. Following that meeting, the group developed a template for a "crosswalk" of climate actions being taken across the partnership. This document has been distributed to the Coordinators and Staffers to be populated with climate actions from each group.
- Update: The timeline for continued work responding to the Climate Directive is as follows:
 - May 31: First Draft of Crosswalk Due
 - o June 9: Crosswalk Presented to the Management Board for Review
 - July 5: Updated Crosswalk Draft due for PSC Meeting
 - July 19: Crosswalk Presented to PSC for Review
 - September: Final Crosswalk Presented to the EC for Approval

Improving Connections: Providing Better Feedback to GITs, Workgroups, and Outcomes:

Several goal implementation teams and outcome workgroups have indicated they have not received the information or feedback they sought from surveys and other requests to the Management Board. This discussion will focus on how to improve the dialogue between the MB and various workgroups to

ensure the workgroups are getting the information they need to help the partners' outcome commitments.

Action: Time will be reserved at the May Quarterly Progress meeting to continue this
discussion with an aim towards finding ways to enhance our partnership and facilitate
dialogue between the outcomes and Management Board. In progress; discussion postponed
to June MB meeting.

Folk Life Festival Planning

The partnership has been invited to participate in the Smithsonian Folklife Festival scheduled for June 22–26 and June 30–July 4, 2022. It is a multi-day event on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. that is expected to attract nearly one million visitors. The planners want to "explore the possibilities and solutions that address some of our planet's most significant challenges through new ways of living, learning, and working toward a shared sustainable future." It includes four thematic areas – Animals, Plants & Us, Coastal Connections, Community Solutions and Field and Forest. The Bay Program has been invited to offer interactive displays, videos, speakers, and a panel taking a "deep dive" into the partnership's work. CBP is exploring possibilities for partner participation.

• Action: The Folk Life Festival Planning team is requesting volunteers to assist with Bay Program panels during the festival. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to email Rachel Felver (refelver@chesapeakebay.net) by Thursday April 21. Ongoing.