



Principals' Staff Committee

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July 19, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions

(10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)

Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Adam Ortiz, will open the meeting, welcome PSC members, and review the agenda and actions/decisions from the May 17, 2022 PSC meeting.

Materials:

I. Actions/Decisions from May 17 PSC meeting

II. Charting the Future: Next Steps for the Watershed Agreement and Bay TMDL

(10:15 a.m.– 10:50 a.m.)

A preliminary discussion about planning a path forward for the partnership beyond 2025 related to the Watershed Agreement and Chesapeake Bay TMDL. Discussion will focus on identifying key high-level issues and a roadmap/process for addressing them through a series of upcoming meetings.

Facilitator: Adam Ortiz, EPA Region III Administrator

Materials:

II. Outcome Status Summary

III. Update and Discussion on Changes from CAST19 to CAST21

(10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.)

A presentation on the latest results of 2021 progress under both CAST 2019 and CAST 2021. This will also include showing the differences between CAST 2019 and CAST 2021 using the updated fertilizer data, as well as the full list of data inputs that have been incorporated into CAST 2021.

Action Update: Correct CAST19

Discussion: CAST21

Presenter: Lee McDonnell, Chief, EPA Science, Analysis, and Implementation Branch.

Relevant Outcomes: 2025 WIPs and multiple others

Materials:

III. CAST 19-21 Presentation

IV. Toward a Decision on Conowingo WIP Financing/Nutrient Assignments

(11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.)

This discussion is intended to help the partners reach consensus about next steps for the Conowingo WIP and its associated nutrient loads in the absence of a partnership-approved financing strategy. During the May PSC meeting the CWIP Steering Committee provided a recap of the current status of the Conowingo WIP, recent accomplishments, and expected next steps.

Request: Partnership consensus on the next steps for the Conowingo WIP and its associated nutrient loads.

Facilitator: Adam Ortiz, EPA Region III Administrator

Relevant Outcomes: 2025 WIPs

Materials:

IV. Conowingo WIP Financing-Nutrient Assignments Presentation

V. Implementing Monitoring Analysis Recommendations

(11:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.)

During recent PSC meetings, Lee McDonnell (EPA) and the monitoring team provided updates on plans to address the PSC request to enhance CBP monitoring networks and address challenges with weakening/declining monitoring capacity due to funding shortages. Lee will provide a brief update on CBP's progress in carrying out the final assessment and next steps.

Decision Requested: Request partner staff be identified to participate in kickoff meeting.

Presenter: Lee McDonnell (Chief, EPA Science, Analysis, and Implementation Branch), Scott Phillips (USGS Chesapeake Bay Coordinator), and Peter Tango (USGS, Watershed Monitoring Coordinator)

Relevant outcomes: Water Quality outcome and multiple others.

Materials:

V. Monitoring Analysis Recommendations Presentation

LUNCH BREAK

(12:10 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.)

VI. Outcome Attainability: Accelerating Progress on Wetlands and Forest Buffers

(12:40 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.)

The Partnership hosted a well-attended, all-day Forest Buffer workshop on April 27, 2022 (and two pre-workshop webinars) primarily to share progress on their State RFB Action Plans that were first called for during the 2020 SRS process. Final State Action Plans were due June 27, 2022 (two states requested an additional week to complete them). The post-Workshop role of the PSC was discussed at the May PSC meeting and will be discussed again during this time. We are looking for a decision on the role of this body and next steps by the Partnership on the RFB Outcome.

In addition, the small group organizing a similar workshop for Wetlands will provide an overview of their workshop agenda.

Requested Actions: Agreement on next steps and the role of the PSC in advancing this critical work.

Presenters: For Forest Buffers: Cindy Adams Dunn (Secretary, PA DCNR); For Wetlands: Melanie Davenport (VA DEQ) and Chris Guy (US Fish and Wildlife Service);

Relevant outcomes: Forest Buffers, Wetlands, and Water Quality

Materials:

VI.a. Forest Buffers Workshop Summary of Ideas

VI.b. Jurisdictions' Forest Buffers Implementation Plans

VI.c. Wetlands Workshop Outline Document

VI.d. Wetlands Workshop Outline Presentation

VII. Executive Council Meeting Planning (1:20 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.)

Planning continues for a late September/early October 2022 Chesapeake Executive Council meeting in Washington, DC. The CBP Communications Office will provide an update on planning efforts including meeting topic recommendations for PSC approval and a list of potential actions for the PSC to recommend to EC members.

Decision: Agreement on meeting topics and a list of potential topics.

Presenter: Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director

Relevant outcomes: All

Materials:

VII. Presentation

VIII. Partnership Response to EC Climate Change Directive (1:50 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.)

A Climate Change Directive Implementation Team has been working with the partners at both the federal and jurisdictional levels to develop a summary of activities the partnership is collectively taking to implement the 2021 EC Climate Change Directive. The Implementation Team will present a final Management Board recommendation on which activities the partners will pursue and highlight at the Fall Executive Council meeting.

Decision: 1) Agreement on an approach for showcasing partnership climate activities; and 2) Agreement to work collectively on a final group of actions.

Presenter: Bo Williams (EPA)

Relevant outcomes: All

Materials:

VIII.a. Presentation: Climate Change Directive

VIII.b. Climate Directive Workplan and Crosswalk

IX. Changes to the Watershed Agreement (2:20 p.m. – 2:40 pm)

The Stewardship Workgroup and GIT6 petitioned the Management Board to consider replacing the word “citizen” in certain parts of the 2014 Watershed Agreement to include language inclusive to individuals living in the watershed who can contribute to and benefit from the Agreement’s goals and outcomes. The MB is recommending several changes for both PSC and Executive Council consideration.

Decisions:

1. For PSC Approval: edits to general text; edits to outcomes (see attachment for specific changes)
2. For Recommendation to the Executive Council for Approval: edits to Goals; edits to Vision Statement; Edits to Signature page.

Reminder: Per the Governance Document, changes to goals must be approved by the EC; changes to outcomes may be made by the PSC or upon their recommendation, they may elevate them to the EC.

Presenter: Dave Goshorn, GIT6 Chair

Relevant outcomes: All

Materials:

IX. Recommended Edits to Watershed Agreement

X. Business Meeting (2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

PSC Chair Adam Ortiz will facilitate a discussion on the following topics:

- Funding updates
- Partner Updates
- Future Agenda Items
- CBP Program Update
- Next meeting (discuss time frame prior to EC meeting)

Materials:

X. CBP Program Update

XI. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn (3:00 p.m.)