

Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership **Principals' Staff Committee Maryland Department of the Environment Montgomery Park Building** 1800 Washington Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21230-1718 October 3, 2017

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# **Agenda**

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### I. **Welcome and Introductions**

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Secretary Ben Grumbles, will open the meeting and welcome PSC members.

# Materials:

I. PSC Actions & Decisions, May 17, 2017

### II. Preview of Water Quality Issues for October 30-31 Retreat

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

An overview of the major issues to be discussed at the October 30-31 PSC retreat in Cambridge, Maryland. Topics to be discussed include:

- Phase III Planning Targets
- Status of the Phase 6 Suite of Modeling Tools;
- Accounting for the Effect of the Conowingo Dam and Reservoir on Bay Water Quality
- Use of 2025 Growth Projections in the Phase III WIPs
- Options for Factoring Climate Change Impacts and Considerations into the Phase III WIPs
- Timeline and Process for Reviewing and Exercising Phase III Planning Targets

Presenter: James Davis-Martin, Water Quality GIT Chair

Requested decisions: Agreement with: the proposed change of schedule to the October retreat; postponement of some issues to the December 13 PSC meeting; finalizing the Phase 6 modeling tools; release of the draft Phase III WIP planning targets; and whether to use 2025 growth projections in the Phase III WIPs.

# Materials:

II.a. Presentation – 2017 Midpoint Assessment: Year of Decision

II.b. Climate Change Policy Options

II.c. Proposed Schedule Adjustments to the Midpoint Assessment Timeline

# III. **Environmental Finance Recommendations**

11:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

A discussion about final recommendations of the Environmental Finance Action Team's "Path Forward" report and agreement on which actions the CBP and partners will pursue. Presenter: Jim Edward, Environmental Finance Action Team Vice Chair Requested decisions: Approval of the Action Team's recommendations in response to the 2016 Environmental Finance Symposium recommendations. Materials:

III.a. "The Path Forward" (CBP response to recommendations of the Environmental Finance Symposium Report)

III.b. Presentation – Environmental Finance Action Team Final Report III.c. "The Path Forward" Budget & Finance Workgroup Summary Actions

# IV. **Discussion about Recent Congressional Actions**

11:45 p.m. - 12:05 p.m.

Presenter: Ben Grumbles, PSC Chair

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12:05 p.m. – 12:35 p.m.

# VI. **Environmental Literacy Directive**

12:35 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

A discussion about updating the 1998 Environmental Literacy Directive (to be signed potentially by the Executive Council) which would: revise the organizational structure of the Bay Program's Education Workgroup; encourage the participation of superintendents of education and secretaries of natural resource agencies at the biennial Education Summits; bring to date goals and outcomes to reflect the 2014 Watershed Agreement; and request state assistance in collecting voluntary metrics.

Presenter: Shannon Sprague, Education Workgroup Chair

Requested decisions: Agreement on next steps for updating the 1998 Environmental Literacy Directive and CBP actions related to it.

Materials:

Lunch

VI.a. Draft update to Education Directive 98-1

VI.b. Summary of proposed updates to Education Directive 98-1

# VII. **Update on Biennial Progress Reviews and Process**

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

An update on the progress the partnership has made on the biennial Strategy Review System process and the latest actions the program has taken in response to the first set of quarterly reviews. Discuss the process for updating or changing outcomes.

Presenter: David Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair

Materials:

VI. Presentation

## VIII. **Program Update**

1:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Highlights from the October Program Update. Discussion of items that others have an interest in and would like to hear more about.

Presenter: Nick DiPasquale, EPA CBPO

Materials:

VII. Program Update

## IX. **Concluding Remarks - Adjourn**

1:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.