



Principals' Staff Committee

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September 21, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions** 1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Secretary Matthew Strickler, will open the meeting, welcome PSC members, and review the agenda and actions/decisions from the July 27, 2021 PSC meeting.

Materials:

I. Actions/Decisions from July 27, 2021 PSC meeting
- II. Plastics Pollution Action Team Update** 1:10 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Following a presentation on STAC's workshop report on microplastics, the Management Board at its November 2019 meeting, approved the creation of a Plastic Pollution Action Team (PPAT). It charged the PPAT with developing a preliminary Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) and science strategy in its first year and to focus on implementation of the strategy in its second year. This session is an overview of the PPAT's work to date and its workplan for the remainder of the year.

Presenters: Matt Robinson, DOEE, PPAT Chair

Relevant outcomes: Toxic Contaminants Research, SAV, Blue Crabs, Oyster, Forage Fish

Decision Requested: PSC Agreement on any next steps or actions needed.

Materials:

II. [Microplastic Monitoring and Science Strategy for the Chesapeake Bay](#), main report and:

 - Appendix B: Uniform Size Classification and Concentration Unit Terminology for Broad Application in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
 - Appendix C: Preliminary Ecological Risk Assessment on Effects of Microplastics on Potomac River Striped Bass
- III. Phase I Conowingo WIP Financing Implementation Strategy Update** 1:40 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

During the July 27 PSC meeting, Dan Nees, Center for Global Sustainability (grantee) reviewed the draft Phase I Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan Financing Implementation Strategy and the proposed draft Memorandum of Understanding with the

Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC MOU). Following the meeting, PSC members were asked to review the latest versions of both documents and provide any suggested edits to the SRBC MOU to Secretary Strickler and comments on the draft financing implementation strategy back to the grantee. This session will provide a response to PSC member comments on the draft financing implementation strategy.

Decision: 1) PSC approval of the Final Conowingo WIP financing implementation strategy

Presenter: Dan Nees, Center for Global Sustainability

Relevant outcomes: 2025 WIP

Materials:

III.a Phase I Conowingo WIP Financing Implementation Strategy

III.b CWIP Finance Memo (August 31, 2021)

IV. Executive Council Meeting Planning Updates 2:20 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

An update on planning for the October 1 Executive Council meeting at the Brock Environmental Center in Virginia Beach, Va. and the status of signatures for the EC Directive (Directive No. 21-1 Collective Action for Climate Change). In addition, time will be provided for an update and discussion about the goals and structure of a second 2021 Executive Council meeting, proposed for December.

Decision: Agreement on the goals and structure of a December 2021 Executive Council meeting.

Presenter: Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director

Relevant outcomes: Climate Adaptation, 2025 WIPs, and multiple others

Materials:

IV. Presentation

V. Update on DEIJ Implementation Plan 2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

An update by the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) Action Team Co-Chairs on the latest draft version of the DEIJ Implementation Plan and the outreach efforts.

Decision: For discussion only; no decision will be requested at the meeting (final plan to be reviewed and approved by the PSC at a late Fall meeting).

Presenter: Jeff Seltzer (DC) and Meryem Karad (VA), Action Team Co-chairs

Relevant outcomes: Diversity outcome and multiple others

Materials:

V.a DEIJ Action Team Update

V.b Draft DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan

V.c DEIJ Outreach and Communication Plan

Break 2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

VI. Overview of the Chesapeake Bay Program Budget 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

A brief overview of the President's FY 2022 budget request (PresBud) for the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Presenter: Diana Esher, Acting EPA Regional Administrator, Region 3

VII. Biennial Strategy Review System Report-out and Watershed Agreement Progress

3:30 p.m. -- 4:10 p.m.

Pursuant to the 2014 Watershed Agreement, the partnership held its 2021 Biennial Strategy Review System (SRS) meeting on May 12-13, 2021. In preparation for the meeting, an Outcome Attainability Action Team was established and charged with reviewing the progress/status of the 31 outcomes of the 2014 Watershed Agreement, identifying those that are on track, those that are unlikely to be met without a significant change of course and those without quantifiable targets. This session will be an overview of key learnings from the Biennial meeting and the Action Team along with recommendations for making system changes and taking actions for achieving the Agreement outcomes. Time will also be spent discussing how to fulfil the commitment by the PSC to report to the Executive Council on implementation of the Watershed Agreement management strategies.

Presenters: Michelle Price-Fay, MB Chair and Dave Goshorn, GIT 6 Chair

Relevant outcomes: Multiple

Decisions requested: 1) Agreement on next steps and actions needed to change the course of outcomes that are unlikely to meet their targets. 2) Agreement on how/what to report to the EC about management strategy implementation and progress.

Materials:

VII. Presentation

VIII. Round Robin: How Federal Funding is Being Used for Bay Needs 4:10 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package (Pub L. No. 117-2) was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. This session is an open discussion amongst PSC members on how each partner is using federal funding for Bay restoration needs. In addition, Ann Swanson (CBC) will provide a brief update on the Chesapeake Bay Commission's work in support of future federal funding.

Discussion Lead: PSC Chair Matt Strickler

IX. Business Meeting

4:35 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.

PSC Chair Matt Strickler will facilitate discussion on the following topics:

- Partner Updates
- Future Agenda Items
- Harmful Algal Blooms
- CBP Program Update

Materials:

IX. CBP Program Update

X. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn

4:55 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.