

**CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
APRIL 30, 2012 CONFERENCE CALL**

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Milestones Presentation Package for the 2012 Executive Council Meeting

DECISION: Option 1 of Milestones Presentation preferred in presenting milestone information, with CBF preferring option 2. Option 1 illustrates watershed-wide pollution loads using a stacked bar chart with jurisdiction contributions. Option 2 uses separate watershed and jurisdiction slides to show pollution loads.

Mock-up of Proposed Supplemental Wastewater Indicator

DECISION: Change indicator title to, “number of significant wastewater facilities meeting Bay TMDL wasteload allocations”, and include footnote explaining that based on permit limit effective dates.

ACTION: Mayra Levelev of MD will provide Ning Zhou with updated information for the supplemental indicator.

DECISION: Ning Zhou will look into prepare information on based on the annual progress run reporting period (July 1 – June 30 for all jurisdictions except Virginia and Blue Plains, which are calendar year), versus calendar year as currently presented.

DECISION: Show data for 1985, 2009 (TMDL baseline), most recent progress run (2011), consistent w/ other reducing pollution indicators.

DECISION: Base on the number or % of significant facilities that meet the allocations, rather than the portion of design flow that meets the allocations. Design flow might be an option in the future.

DECISION: WQGIT approves bringing this to the Management Board on May 9, w/ NY abstaining.

- Decision for Management Board will be whether to report the number of significant facilities or the percent of the significant facilities that meet the Bay TMDL wasteload allocations.

MINUTES

Welcome/Confirm Call Participants – Larry Merrill, Chair

- Intend to get out updated schedule of proposed agenda items for 2012. Hope to work on this week

Milestones Presentation Package for the 2012 Executive Council Meeting – Suzanne Trevena, Carin Bisland

[Backgrounder](#)

- We have been holding Milestone Workgroup calls and trying to document where we were for 2009-2011 and where we are headed w future milestones. Packaging milestones to show progress
- Backgrounder is not inclusive of comments for workgroup, wanted to get further input as we build this out

2012-[2013 Template](#)

- Have made progress since 1985 and wanted to show here, intended for Executive Council and can useful for public
- Can provide a full list of BMPs on a website but asking jurisdictions to highlight a few practices in each sector
- Overarching commitments available in 2012-2013
- See [DC mockup](#), all numbers made up at this point but are getting accurate numbers from jurisdictions

2009-2011 Template ([hyperlink](#))

- Raub- looking at 09 to 11 more as practices implemented than in pounds reduced?
 - Yes, for 2009-2011 because it is harder to assess pounds reduced due to changes in modeling tools since the milestones were established
- Instead of 'programmatic controls in 2009,' change to 'programmatic accomplishments in 2009-2011'
- McGee- thought there were state specific information in these materials, was there a decision to not present state by state?
 - The Pollution Reduction Indicator in the Executive Summary of the 2010 Bay Barometer summarized this information watershed wide, so proposal is to do the same for the 2009-2011 milestones. Can go on site and get more info, specific to state if interested
- 2009 info on fact sheet based on land uses existing in 2009 using p5.3.2 model, similarly 1985 shows 1985 land uses through p5.3.2
- Please note that we should be having the discussion on projected land uses, greatly affects some things
- James Davis-Martin- agree we need to figure out this issue, find some way to explain trend may not be reality because of changes in modeling

[Draft mock up milestone presentation](#)

- Has anyone considered both options? Not much more in doing both. There is interest in showing both option one and two
- Helen- Trying to understand- we have growth offset policy in MD, didn't you do the same in VA?
- Davis-Martin - Yes, but we agreed to offset actual growth, not modeled growth and it can be very different. Can also be significant for different sectors
- Raub- like the idea to keep 2025 planning target in there for comparison, maybe just format to show difference between data and targets
- Buckley (PA)- watershed wide option preferred
- Davis-Martin (VA)- restrict to largest scale possible, watershed wide
- Helen (MD)- going to be really tedious going thru highlights for each jurisdiction
 - True, it is a good concern, should be available information but maybe in hybrid version
- Koon (WV)- prefer watershed wide
- Entringer (NY) watershed wide, same as others
- Raub (CBC)- fine w watershed wide, as long as additional information provided on website

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bar chart with jurisdiction contributions. Option 2 uses separate watershed and jurisdiction slides to show pollution loads.

Mock-up of Proposed Supplemental Wastewater Indicator – Larry Merrill

- Working on supplemental wastewater indicator, have compiled inventory of current permit limit effective date data
- The [spreadsheet](#) includes significant facilities as updated based on the Phase II WIP data. Ning and Brian have used permit limit effective date data from the permits to include data on what has happened in the past and where we can expect to be in the future
- All permit info is based on calendar yr so all info included is calendar yr, we recognize there is a difference w reporting
- Buckley- are these just significant facilities?
 - Yes, just sigs
- What is the purpose, what will this be used for and do we need to verify this info?
 - MD originally proposed a supplemental indicator in order to normalize for the effect of flow on annual wastewater loads. Wanted to develop supplemental to clearly report progress on work being done to reduce wastewater loads.
 - WQGIT did not want states to have to expend additional effort to create this indicator, so the Partnership moved forward with the approach of using permit limit effective data that EPA already has.
 - States are welcome to verify the wastewater data.
- Currey: Effective permit limits is not an intuitive term, is there a more user friendly term?
 - More of a term used in NPDES world.
 - Antos: One option- change title to “number of significant wastewater facilities meeting the Chesapeake Bay TMDL allocations,” adding footnote that it is based on effective date
- Marya- will provide update to Ning. Some permits are pending so is it possible to have more clarification on those that are pending? Should Blue Plains numbers be allocated to each state instead of one jurisdiction?
 - As far as pending info, it will be captured as indicator moves through time. Trying to define it as something that was already on the books. Blue Plains is represented as one facility within DC
- VA- if the proposed supplemental indicator is different from what MD was looking for, ask if this does what MD was looking for and is it even necessary if not?
 - Currey- does not do what we were requesting in the beginning, some agreement was reached with what is being presented but it is very different
 - There is added value, would explain wet yrs showing upgrades, but does not get to original issue
- Bars showing permit numbers into the future are reflective of permits that have been issued but effective date is further down the road
- Think data presented should be consistent with how all other data is being presented

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- PA is in agreement as long as this doesn't require anything more from us
- Merrill: Would like to present this to the Management Board

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- NY would like to abstain, it is apparent this is not very clear and recommend the whole thing be dropped
- Koon- generally do agree but want to look at slides and get back to you
- Levelev- talked about Blue Plains but did not get a response, will treat it as one facility, as a dc facility. Maybe down the line it may make sense to present on flow and may be considered then

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- Decision for Management Board will be whether to report the number of significant facilities or the percent of the significant facilities that meet the Bay TMDL wasteload allocations.
- Do we have agreement to keep this as calendar yr? Will need to make sure we note it. Do have capacity to make adjustment to reporting yr if desired

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Adjourn

- May meeting was adjusted due to other meetings, next meeting will be May 21

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