



**Chesapeake Bay Program  
Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)**

**Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, June 1, 2023  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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**Agenda**

10:00 **Introductions and Announcements** – Cassie Davis, NYSDEC (15 min).

- *Please put your name and affiliation in the chat box for attendance purposes. Thank you!*
- **Decision requested:** Approval of [May Meeting Minutes](#).
- Nominations for new At-Large members – Cassie Davis, NYSDEC
- Previous and Upcoming CAST Webinars – Helen Golimowski, Devereux Consulting
- Progress Update/Announcements – Jeff Sweeney, EPA
- WQGIT Updates Phase 6 CAST Schedule – Ruth Cassilly
- Other announcements?
  - CMAQ presentation scheduled for August - Lew Linker and Gary Shenk EPA, USGS

10:15 **Animal Mortality BMP Overview** – Auston Smith, EPA (25 min)

Auston will go over feedback received on the Animal Mortality BMP Technical Appendix and an updated timeline for its potential approval.

**Action:** The group will provide feedback on the Animal Mortality BMP Technical Appendix via email.

10:40 **Quantifying the Effects of Transportation Settlement (e.g., Volkswagen) Actions as a Planning BMP** – Jeff Sweeney, EPA, All (25 min).

Jeff will provide an update and overview of next steps regarding the proposed Transportation Settlement BMP, briefly review the proposal for how the planning BMP will be accounted for in CAST, and give an overview on Expert Panel protocols and funding availability needed to address crediting the BMPs in annual progress assessments.

**Decision requested:** The WTWG will be asked to vote on whether to approve Transportation

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Settlement Emission Reductions as a planning BMP and to initiate a process to compete for funding for an Expert Panel to investigate quantifiable benefits of relevant emission reduction BMPs so they can be credited toward annual progress assessments.

11:15 **Charge from the Water Quality GIT/Management Board on Phase 6 Data Processing Protocols**  
– Ruth Cassilly, UMD/Coordinator (40 min).

Ruth will review a recent proposal to revise the Phase 6 CAST Release Schedule, presented to the WQGIT in May as Option 2, and how it relates to our completion of PSC Decision 3. She will then review the WTWG’s recommendations developed in response to the Decision 3 charge, summarized in the Draft CAST Updates Review Process Document. There will be time allotted for group discussion and feedback.

**Action:** The group will be asked to approve formal recommendations to address the concerns described in the PSC Decision 3 charge to the WQGIT-safeguarding the process for incorporating data into CAST and assessing the reasonability of modeling results after CBP protocols are applied

11:55 **Recap of Actions and Decisions** (5 min).

12:00 **Adjourn**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

### Acronym List

BMP: Best Management Practice

CAST: Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (user interface for the CBP Watershed Model)

CBP: Chesapeake Bay Program

EPA: [U.S.] Environmental Protection Agency

NYSDEC: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

PSC: Principals’ Staff Committee

UMCES: University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

UMD: University of Maryland

VW: Volkswagen

WQGIT: Water Quality Goal Implementation Team

WTWG: Watershed Technical Workgroup