

**Principals Staff Committee Meeting
September 21, 2021**

***Draft* Actions/Decisions**

Plastics Pollution Action Team Update

- Decision: The PSC agreed that the Plastics Pollution Action Team should continue its work for at least another two years with the PPAT reporting to the Management Board and providing policy recommendations to the PSC. The PPAT should continue its investment in sound science and engage the academic community. The PSC requested that the PPAT provide specific, concrete policy recommendations on source reduction including outreach strategies.

Phase I Conowingo WIP Financing Implementation Strategy

- Decision: The PSC confirmed the Letter of Understanding approving the Susquehanna River Basin Commission as the fiduciary intermediary for the Final Conowingo WIP financing strategy.
- Decision: The PSC directed Dan Nees to move forward on his recommended next steps for the financing strategy, including reconvening the PSC later this fall to discuss the financing strategy revenue plan in more detail.
- Note: Diana Esher (EPA) referred to an EPA October 2018 memorandum* stating that if the partners do not come to agreement on the financing mechanism, then the additional loads represented in the Conowingo WIP will need to be distributed across the jurisdictions. (*The memo noted was offered by Regional Administrator Servidio in reference to reallocating FY 2019 CBP grant funding amounts for Conowingo WIP development and implementation.)

Executive Council – Planning for a December Meeting

- Decision: The PSC agreed on the structure of the December 15, 2021 Executive Council meeting as discussed by CBP Communications Director Rachel Felver. The meeting will be held in Richmond, Virginia from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will include the election of a new Executive Council Chair and also reports from the Local Government, Science and Technical, and Citizen Advisory Committees.

DEIJ Implementation Plan Update

- Note: The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) Action Team provided an update on the final DEIJ Implementation Plan. They will return to the PSC for a final review and approval during the PSC's late Fall meeting.

Overview of the Chesapeake Bay Program Budget

- Note: Diana Esher indicated that more information on the CBP budget will be provided to the PSC during its late Fall meeting.

Biennial Strategy Review System Report-out and Watershed Agreement Progress

- Action: CBPO staff will work with the goal teams and workgroups, and have individual conversations with the jurisdictions, about actions to take to change the trajectories for those outcomes that are unlikely to meet their targets. The results of those conversations will be taken to the MB for further discussion and to provide recommendations to the PSC.

- Action: The MB will make a recommendation to the PSC for how and what to report to the Executive Council about management strategy implementation and progress.

Future Agenda Items

The PSC discussed agenda items of interest for future meetings, including:

- Harmful Algal Blooms
- PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances)
- BMPs – A refresher on how BMP implementation is approved by EPA and a discussion about how we can do it more efficiently to ensure we have as many tools as possible as we approach 2025.
- Coordination between EPA/NRCS/USGS and how EPA funds can be used as a match.
- Understanding BMP crediting in the model.