



## **Non-Tidal Network Meeting**

Tuesday, July 16, 2019  
1:00 AM –3:00 PM Full Workgroup

Conference Line: 929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 499-554-063

Webinar\*: <https://zoom.us/j/499554063>

Meeting Materials: [https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/non\\_tidal\\_network\\_meeting](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/non_tidal_network_meeting)

CBPO Location: 305 Conference Room

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### **AGENDA**

**1:00 Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Peter Tango (USGS@CBPO)**

**1:15 Review of NTN meeting themes from Peter’s watershed tour - Peter Tango**

Establishing NTN meeting themes has been one product of discussions from Peter’s recent watershed tour meeting with our monitoring agencies and institutions while reviewing existing monitoring program efforts, successes, challenges, and discussing opportunities and directions for change and growth in the program. Examples of what our community has suggested to date include a diverse range of topics such as reviews of sampling protocols and maintaining network-wide consistency and accountability, data management, quality assurance, extreme event sampling and coordination, changes in sampling network, special studies such as pesticides, hormones, and microplastics and more. Please chime in on additional key themes you would like teed up for the future during this review of community recommendations for upcoming meeting agendas.

**1:35 Standardization of protocols and training – All**

Defensible analyses rely on the consistency and integrity of our data collections. Data-collection protocols should be firmly established in a consistent manner across the network before special studies are introduced. We would like to take this time to recognize what support is in place now (audit schedules, training events, etc.) and what support could be added (1-day workshops, webinars, etc.) to ensure consistency across the watershed network operations for:

- Routine monthly sampling
- Storm sampling

- Headwaters protocols
- Larger river protocols
- Continuous monitors

**2:20                      Round-robin report out of the States on NTN/RIM network operations during the first half of 2019 – All**

Round-robin report-outs have been helpful in highlighting progress towards meeting season and annual sampling targets, identifying field, lab and study design issues that need to be researched and addressed, discussing funding issues/partner shifts, etc. It's your time to highlight successes and challenges with the program work. We will hold a lightning round of just a few (3-5) minutes each to hear from the network efforts across the watershed on how another wet year (i.e., 4 of 6 months above average flows to Chesapeake Bay already in 2019) is being conquered by the excellent work of many in the field and the labs.

**3:00                      Adjourn**

**Next Meeting Date: TBD**