



**Principals Staff Committee Meeting
March 2, 2022**

Actions/Decisions

Phase 7 Timeline and Priorities

Decision: The PSC agreed to elongate the Phase 7 model development timeline by 2 years.

Action: The Modeling workgroup will develop a one-pager to meet the needs of communicating the reason for this change to the Phase 7 Model. It will emphasize that this change is not a delay of achieving the WIPs or 2025 goals.

Note: Ann Swanson asked for a one-page summary and timeline to explain how the changes will play out.

Monitoring Funding Needs Analysis

Action: The final Monitoring Funding Needs Report will be shared with the PSC, MB and the rest of the CBP partnership once completed-- expected by the end of March 2022.

Note: The Monitoring Team and CBP staff will scope out the idea of a retreat (charette or similar type meeting) and possible participants to discuss funding priorities and sources at a decision-making level.

Infrastructure Funding Updates

Note: Congress has not yet finalized the spending bills for FY 2022 and federal agencies continue to work under a continuing resolution (at 2021 levels). The EPA is expected to receive \$47.6 billion per year for five years through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Details on allocations and funding have not been disclosed by the EPA Office of the Chief Financial Office; however, EPA continues its planning. CBPO is working on reviewing comments provided by the jurisdiction as they reviewed the draft grant guidance for FY22 and hopes to issue guidance by the end of March 2022.

Update on Executive Council Climate Change Directive

Note: The small CBPO-led team continues to develop a crosswalk between the state climate action plans, that have been completed as appropriate by Partnership jurisdictions, and the October 2021 Climate Directive. A team member or Management Board representative will provide an update at the next PSC meeting.

Advisory Committee Recommendations to the Executive Council

Action: The PSC agreed to have the Management Board be the lead partnership body to respond to the CBP Advisory Committees' 2021 Recommendations to the Executive Council. Copies of the draft response letters will be provided to the Management Board for review and comments by Tuesday, March 14.

Outcome Attainability: Accelerating Progress on Forest Buffers and Wetlands

Note: The small group organizing the Wetlands Workshop is looking for a PSC-level champion to help promote the workshop and encourage high-level partners to attend.

The Forest Buffers Workshop has been scheduled for April 27, 2022. Two pre-workshop webinars focused on technical assistance and conservation are also being planned. Sec. Cindy Dunn (PA) agreed to serve as a lead sponsor of the workshop and sent a letter to PSC members to encourage high-level participation.

Executive Council Meeting Planning

Action: The Principals’ Staff Committee agreed to re-convene the EC Meeting Planning Committee to start discussing themes and possible major actions for a mid-late September EC meeting. Rachel Felver will reach out to potential participants from each partner.

Note: The Executive Council Meeting Planning Committee Staff are scheduling the first 2022 EC planning meeting for Wednesday, March 30 at 3 pm.

Conowingo WIP Update:

Note: The EPA’s CWIP Evaluation was released on January 25, 2022, and found that the current lack of support for alternative funding provides no confidence that load reductions will be achieved by 2025. Jurisdictions are working together to specify their CWIP financing commitments with the 60-day timeline set by EPA to respond to the no confidence assessment. Meanwhile the core group is developing a more detailed workplan and are updating their timeline to implement the 2-year milestones.

Business Meeting

• **Possible Future Agenda Items:**

- PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances)
- Understanding BMP crediting in the model
- BMP Verification – 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
- Harmful Algal Blooms
- Climate Change
- Making the most of the new Infrastructure Law and funding including coordination between EPA/NRCS/USGS and how EPA funds can be used as a match
- Reconciling Modeling Discrepancies to Achieve 2025 goal

• **Next Meeting:** CBPO will begin looking for dates in May.

Roll Call:

Jurisdictions	
Ben Grumbles Dinorah Dalmasy Lee Currey Matt Rowe Kathy Stecker Suzanne Dorsey Paul Emmart Jim George	Md Dept of the Environment
Jeannie Haddaway- Riccio Dave Goshorn	MD Dept of Natural Resources

Joe Barthenfelter Hans Schmidt	MD Dept of Agriculture
Jason Dubow Debbie Herr Cornwell	MD Dept of Planning
Tommy Wells Katherine Antos John Maleri	DC Dept of the Environment
Shawn Garvin Marcia Fox Terry Deputy Clare Sevcik Jennifer Walls Ben Coverdale	DE Dept of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
Aneca Atkinson Jill Whitcomb	PA Dept of Environmental Protection
Greg Hostetter Karl Brown	PA Dept of Agriculture
Cindy Dunn Matt Keefer	PA Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources
Mike Rolband Jutta Schneider	VA Dept of Environmental Quality
Terry Lasher Caitlin Verdu	VA Dept of Agriculture and Forestry
Jim Tierney Lauren Townley Cassandra Davis	NY Dept of Environmental Conservation
Scott Mandirola Teresa Koon	WV Dept of Env Protection
Joe Hatton	WV Dept of Agriculture
Ann Swanson Marel King Mark Hoffman Adrienne Kotula	Chesapeake Bay Commission
Federal Agencies	
Adam Ortiz Diana Esher Tom Damm Michael Dunn Bill Jenkins	EPA, Region 3 (Philadelphia)
Michelle Price-Fay Martha Shimkin Carin Bisland Lee McDonnell Lucinda Power Doreen Vetter Lewis Linker	EPA, Region 3, CBP Management Board EPA, CBPO

Greg Barranco Bo Williams Autumn Rose Greg Allen Katheryn Barnhart	
Rick Balla Madeline Lambrix Antony Tseng	EPA, Region 2 (New York)
Carrie Robinson Sean Corson Lauren Taneyhill	NOAA
Jonathan Meade Wendy O'Sullivan	NPS
Amy Guise Keith Lockwood	USACE, Baltimore USACE, Norfolk
Genevieve LaRouche Chris Guy	USFWS
Leon Tillman Robert McAfee	USDA
Sally Claggett	USFS
Jessica Rodriguez Kevin Dubois	DOD, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Environmental Department
Mike Tupper Scott Phillips Peter Tango Gary Shenk	USGS
Jessica Blackburn	CAC
Kathy Boomer Julie Lawson	STAC
Jasmine Gore Jennifer Starr	LGAC
Others	
Ed Dunne Suzanne Trevena	Water Quality GIT
Jeremy Hanson Garrett Stewart Caroline Johnson Breck Sullivan Briana Yancy Katlyn Fuentes Alex Gunnerson Marisa Baldine Amy Goldfisher Megan Ossman SophiaWaterman	Chesapeake Research Consortium
Rachel Felver	Communications Workgroup/ Alliance for Ches. Bay

Laura Cattell Noll	Local Leadership Workgroup
Kristin Saunders	UMCES
Karl Blankenship Lara Lutz	Chesapeake Bay Journal
Lisa Ochsenhirt Chris Pomeroy	AquaLaw, VAMWA, MDAMWA
Ridge Hall	Chesapeake Legal Alliance
Kristin Reilly	Choose Clean Water Coalition
Normand Goulet	Northern Virginia Regional Commission
Alison Prost Denise Stranko	Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Ola-Imani Davis	Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
Jana Davis	Chesapeake Bay Trust
Dan Nees	Environmental Finance Center
Marjorie Zeff	AECOM