



Principals' Staff Committee

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March 2, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions** (1:00 pm – 1:15 pm)

Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Adam Ortiz, will open the meeting, welcome PSC members, and review the agenda and actions/decisions from the November 23, 2021, PSC meeting.

Materials:

I. Actions/Decisions from November 23, 2022, PSC meeting
- II. Phase 7 Timeline and Priorities** (1:15 pm – 1:55 pm)

Based upon feedback from the partnership, a set of modified materials related to the activities and timeline for Phase 7 model development were presented to the Water Quality GIT members. The MB is recommending to the PSC a lengthen the development schedule that will add two years to the development timeline and allow all partnership teams and workgroups to do a more thorough job addressing partnership suggestions for improving modeling tools and that will also allow for the evaluation of 2025 progress to be completed before focusing on the application of the Phase 7 suite of models.

Decision Requested: PSC agreement to elongate the current Phase 7 model development schedule by two full years.

Relevant outcomes: Water Quality outcome

Presenter: Lee McDonnell, Chief, Science, Analysis, and Implementation Branch

Materials:

II. Presentation
- III. Monitoring Funding Needs Analysis** (1:55 pm to 2:35 pm)

During the November PSC meeting, Lee McDonnell (EPA) provided an update on plans to address the PSC request to enhance CBP monitoring networks and address challenges with

weakening/declining monitoring capacity due to funding shortages. Lee will provide a brief update on CBPO's progress in carrying out the final assessment.

Decision: Feedback on the report recommendations that will be presented to the Principals' Staff Committee.

Presenter: Lee McDonnell (EPA, Chief, Science, Analysis, and Implementation Branch), Scott Phillips (USGS Chesapeake Bay Coordinator), Peter Tango (USGS, Watershed Monitoring Coordinator)

Relevant outcomes: Water Quality outcome and multiple others.

Materials:

III. Presentation

IV. Funding Updates (2:35 pm to 2:50 pm)

Status of Chesapeake Bay funding, fiscal year 2022 grant guidance and update on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2022.

Decision: None Requested

Presenter: Martha Shimkin, Deputy Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office

Relevant outcomes: Watershed Agreement

Materials: Discussion

IV. Presentation

Break (2:50 pm to 2:55 pm)

V. Update on Executive Council Climate Change Directive (2:55 pm to 3:10 pm)

During the October 1 Executive Council meeting, the partnership committed to collectively take actions to mitigate the effects of Climate Change. The PSC chair will facilitate a discussion on program-wide plans for implementing the Directive including commitments proposed for federal partners.

Presenter: MB Climate Change Champions

Relevant outcomes: Climate change outcome and multiple others.

Materials:

V. Executive Council Climate Directive

VI. Advisory Committee Recommendations to the Executive Council (3:10 pm to 3:25 pm)

The CBP Advisory Committees (LGAC, CAC, STAC) provided their formal, annual recommendations to the Executive Council during its December 2021 meeting. Pursuant to CBP protocols, the partnership is developing formal responses to each of the committees' recommendations. The Management Board Chair will provide an overview of the partnership's responses to the advisory committee's recommendations.

Action: The updated draft was distributed to the MB.

Presenter: Michelle Price-Fay, Acting Management Board Chair

Relevant outcomes: All

Materials:

VI. Table of comments and recommendations

VII. Outcome Attainability: Accelerating Progress on Forest Buffers and Wetlands

(3:25 pm to 4:00 pm)

Last Fall, the Outcome Attainability Action Team recommended the partnership host two workshops to help brainstorm ideas for accelerating progress for the Wetlands and Forest Buffers outcomes. The workshop leads will provide overviews of their planning efforts to date and will seek PSC sponsorship of the workshops. They will also seek PSC feedback on each.

Presenters: Sally Claggett USFS, Chris Guy USFWS

Actions requested:

- Seeking input from the PSC to further define each workshop
- Support PSC sponsorship of the Workshops

Materials:

VII.a. Forest Buffers Workshop Outline Document

VII.b. Wetlands Workshop Outline Document

VII.c. Wetlands Workshop Outline Presentation

VIII. Executive Council Meeting Planning

(4:00 pm to 4:15 pm)

The next Chesapeake Executive Council meeting will likely be held summer/fall 2022. The CBP Communications office would like to reconvene the EC planning team and solicit PSC members ideas for possible themes and issues the EC may want to champion.

Decision: Recommendation to re-convene the EC Meeting Planning Team to begin planning for a Summer/fall 2022 Executive Council meeting.

Presenter: Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director

Relevant outcomes: All

Materials:

VIII. Presentation

Break

(4:15 pm to 4:20 pm)

IX. Conowingo WIP Update

(4:20 pm to 4:45 pm)

The PSC approved the final Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan (CWIP) in September 2021 and the CWIP Steering Committee presented an update on draft numeric and programmatic milestone documents (the final milestones were submitted to EPA on January 14, 2022). EPA provided its evaluation The CWIP Steering Committee will provide an update on next steps toward implementation.

Decision: For PSC discussion; no decision requested.

Presenter: Matt Rowe and Jill Whitcomb, CWIP Steering Committee Co-chairs; Dan Nees, Center for Global Sustainability

Relevant outcomes: 2025 WIPs

Materials:

IX. Presentation

X. Business Meeting

(4:45 pm to 5:00 pm)

PSC Chair Adam Ortiz will facilitate a discussion on the following topics:

- Partner Updates
- Future Agenda Items
- CBP Program Update (Michelle Price-Fay)

Materials:

X. CBP Program Update

XI. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn

(5:00 pm)