



Principals' Staff Committee

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May 17, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions** (9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.)
Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Adam Ortiz, will open the meeting, welcome PSC members, and review the agenda and actions/decisions from the March 2, 2022 PSC meeting.
Materials:
I. Actions/Decisions from March 2 PSC meeting
- II. Funding Updates** (9:15 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.)
CBPO staff, with input from other federal agency colleagues, will provide an update on expected new funds through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2022. Partners will discuss program priorities.
Decision: None Requested
Presenter: Michelle Price-Fay, Acting Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office, and Autumn Rose, CBPO Grants Coordinator
Relevant outcomes: All Watershed Agreement outcomes
Materials: none
- III. Executive Council Meeting Planning** (9:40 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.)
The next Chesapeake Executive Council meeting is being planned for September 2022 and a planning committee has been established. The CBP Communications Office will provide an update on planning efforts and solicit PSC members ideas for possible themes and issues the EC may want to champion.
Decision: PSC discussion about themes and potential issues to showcase
Presenter: Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director
Relevant outcomes: All

Materials:

III. Presentation

IV. Walkthrough of Changes from CAST19 to CAST 2021 (10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

A high-level overview of potential changes between CAST-19 and CAST-21, including the overall effect of all changes, the incorporation of new fertilizer data, and data omissions that were found during the review period.

Decision requested: None requested

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

Relevant Outcomes: 2025 WIPs and multiple others

Materials:

IV. Presentation

V. Conowingo WIP Update (10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

The PSC approved the final Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan (CWIP) in September 2021 and EPA's evaluation of the final CWIP was released on January 25, 2022. In a letter to the jurisdictions, EPA Region III Administrator Adam Ortiz asserted that the current lack of funding provides no confidence that load reductions will be achieved by 2025. The CWIP Steering Committee, several states, and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission sent letters to EPA in response to EPA's evaluation and EPA has week meeting with interested parties on potential options for a path forward.

Request: This session is intended as a discussion and update about the Conowingo WIP.

Presenter: Matt Rowe (MD) and Jill Whitcomb (PA), CWIP Steering Committee Co-chairs

Relevant Outcomes: 2025 WIPs

Materials:

V.a. Presentation

V.b. CWIP Steering Committee Letter

VI. Monitoring Funding Needs Analysis (11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.)

During the November and March PSC meetings, Lee McDonnell (EPA) and the monitoring team provided updates 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 CBP's progress in carrying out the final assessment and next steps.

Decision: Update on status of the report and next steps.

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

Relevant outcomes: Water Quality outcome and multiple others.

Materials:

VI. Presentation

LUNCH BREAK (11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

VII. Video presentation: Bay 101 on Climate Change (12:00 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.)

THIS MEETING WILL BE RECORDED FOR INTERNAL USE TO ASSURE THE ACCURACY OF MEETING NOTES.

Presentation of a new video produced by CBP's Multi-media Manager, Will Parson. The video highlights how people across the Chesapeake Bay watershed are adapting to climate change and building resiliency into the region. Experts touch on both the challenges that climate change presents, as well as the efforts to adapt to climate change and mitigate its worst effects.

Video: https://www.chesapeakebay.net/discover/bay-101/bay_101_climate_change

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

(12:10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)

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 updates on each of the workshops and pre-meeting webinars.

Requested Actions: Discuss status of the workshops and ideas that partners could implement to accelerate progress and agreement on next steps.

Presenters: For Wetlands: Melanie Davenport (VA DEQ) and Chris Guy (US Fish and Wildlife Service); for Forest Buffers: Cindy Adams Dunn (Secretary, PA DCNR), and Katie Brownson (US Forest Service)

Relevant outcomes: Forest Buffers, Wetlands, and Water Quality

Materials:

VIII.a Forest Buffers Workshop Summary of Ideas

VIII.b Forest Buffers Workshop Summary of Ideas by Jurisdiction

VIII.c Forest Buffers Workshop Presentation

VIII.d Wetlands Workshop Outline Document

VIII.e Wetlands Workshop Outline Presentation

IX. Business Meeting

(12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

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

- Partner Updates
 - Land use/land data press announcement
 - Folklife Festival
 - Executive Council Climate Change Directive
 - BMP Verification
- Future Agenda Items
- CBP Program Update (Michelle Price-Fay)
- Next meeting: July 19, 2022

Materials:

IX. CBP Program Update

X. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn

(1:00 p.m.)