



Principals' Staff Committee

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November 23, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Agenda

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** 1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.
Principals' Staff Committee Chair, Secretary Ann Jennings, will open the meeting, welcome PSC members, and review the agenda and actions/decisions from the September 21, 2021 PSC meeting.
Materials:
I. Actions/Decisions from September 21, 2021 PSC meeting
- II. **Introduction and Welcome to Region 3 Administrator Adam Ortiz** 1:10 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.
- III. **PSC Acceptance and Support of Final Draft DEIJ Implementation Plan** 1:25 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.
The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) Action Team provided the PSC with an update on the final DEIJ Implementation Plan during their September meeting. The Action Team will provide an update on the disposition of the public input/comments, review the final draft implementation plan and seek final acceptance of the Implementation Plan and complementary Accountability Framework recommendations.
Decision: PSC acceptance of the Implementation Plan and Accountability Framework in advance of presentation to the Executive Council.
Presenter: Jeff Seltzer (DC) and Meryem Karad (VA), Action Team Co-chairs
Relevant outcomes: Diversity outcome and multiple others.
Materials:
III.a. DEIJ Action Team Update
III.b. Draft DEIJ Strategy Implementation Plan
III.c. PSC DEIJ Action Statement
III.d. Executive Council Statement in Support of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice

- IV. Conowingo WIP Milestones Update** 2:10 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.
- The PSC approved the final Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan (CWIP) in September 2021. The CWIP identifies strategies for an additional reduction of 6 million pounds of nitrogen and 0.26 million pounds of phosphorus needed to mitigate the water quality impacts of Conowingo Dam infill. The CWIP Steering Committee will present an update on draft numeric and programmatic milestone documents. Approval of the draft milestone documents will be requested at the November CWIP Steering Committee meeting on November 16 (one week prior to the PSC).
- Decision: For PSC Discussion/Comments; no decision requested.
- Presenter:* Matt Rowe, CWIP Steering Committee Co-chair
- Relevant outcomes:* 2025 WIPs
- Materials:
IV. Presentation
- V. Executive Council Meeting Planning Updates** 2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- The next Chesapeake Executive Council meeting will be held on December 15, 2021 at the Governor’s Mansion and the Patrick Henry Building in Richmond, Va. During the meeting, a new Executive Council chair will be elected; members will hear reports from the Local Government, Citizens, and Science and Technical Advisory Committees; and an overview of the final Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice plan developed pursuant to the Chesapeake Executive Council’s DEIJ statement signed in August 2020 will be provided. Additional updates and progress in planning the meeting will be presented.
- Decision: Recommendation for the Executive Council for the next Chair.*Presenter:* Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director
- Relevant outcomes:* Climate Adaptation, 2025 WIPs, and multiple others
- Materials:
V.a. Presentation
V.b. Letter of invitation to December 15, 2021 EC Meeting
- VI. Outcome Attainability and Watershed Agreement Progress** 3:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- The Outcome Attainability Action Team (OAAT) will provide an update on their progress to frame outcome attainability status and showcase an updated progress dashboard (based on partnership feedback). The Management Board recommended during its October meeting that the OAAT, working with each outcome workgroup, create brief narrative summaries, characterizing the status of each outcome. Working with the CBP Communications Team, that information would then be crafted into a Biennial Report for presentation to the Executive Council during its December 15 meeting.
- Decision Requested: PSC approval of the dashboard and agreement on the format and content for reporting Watershed Agreement progress to the Executive Council.
- Presenters:* Sean Corson, NOAA, Fisheries GIT Chair, Carin Bisland, GIT 6 Co-Chair
- Relevant outcomes:* All Watershed Agreement outcomes
- Materials:
VI.a. Presentation
VI.b. Outcome Attainment Dashboard
- VII. Break** 3:40 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

NOTE: The Climate Change discussion was removed from the agenda to allow the Management Board time to discuss a path forward for the development of an implementation workplan.

- ~~VIII. **Executive Council Climate Change Directive Next Steps** 3:45 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.~~
~~CBPO staff will provide an overview of next steps for implementing the Chesapeake Executive Council Directive No. 21-1 *Collective Action for Climate Change* seeking input from the PSC on implementation of the directive program wide.~~
~~*Presenters:* Michelle Price-Fay, Acting CBPO Director and Lee McDonnell, Chief, Science, Analysis, and Implementation Branch~~
~~*Relevant outcomes:* Climate change outcome and multiple others.~~
~~Decision requested: Update and feedback to help inform the direction of future work.~~
~~Materials:~~
~~VIII. Chesapeake Executive Council Directive No. 21-1 *Collective Action for Climate Change*~~
- IX. Monitoring Funding Needs** 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
During the June PSC meeting, Lee McDonnell (EPA) provided follow up and plan to address the PSC request to enhance CBP monitoring networks. The CBP needs to address challenges with weakening/declining monitoring capacity due to flat funding and cost increases. He provided ideas for how the partnership can improve capacity (better technology including AI, better accounting, cost efficiencies, etc.). The PSC endorsed a plan for conducting an analysis and making recommendations to address expanding gaps in capacity for existing monitoring, and investments needed to make program improvements. Lee will provide a brief update on CBPO's progress in carrying out the plan.
Decision: Update only. Formal recommendations expected in early 2022.
Presenter: Lee McDonnell, Chief, Science, Analysis, and Implementation Branch
Relevant outcomes: Water Quality outcome and multiple others.
Materials:
IX. Presentation
- X. Review of the Chesapeake Bay Program Budget** 4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
An overview of the FY2021 CBPO budget close out.
Presenter: Diana Esher, EPA Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 3
Materials:
X. Presentation
- XI. Business Meeting** 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
PSC Chair Ann Jennings will facilitate a discussion on the following topics:
- Partner Updates
 - Future Agenda Items
 - CBP Program Update
- Materials:
XI. CBP Program Update
- XII. Concluding Remarks - Adjourn** 4:45 p.m.