**Chesapeake Bay Program Management Board**

**Meeting Actions and Decisions**

**September 13, 2012**

**Meeting Schedule**

* Decision: Agreed to lengthen the October 10, 2012 meeting to a full day meeting (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
* Action: Members are asked to provide comments by Friday, September 28 on the draft 2013-14 MB meeting schedule. (attached)

**GIT Goal Statements and Progress on Proposed Alignment Workplan**

* Action: CBP staff will resend the link for the MB Roles & Responsibilities survey. MB members are asked to continue to provide comments to the survey through October 3.
* Decision: Agreed to move forward a revised Alignment Workplan with modified dates and other edits suggested by the MB.
* Action: MB members are asked to provide comments on the revised workplan which will be brought forward for final MB approval at the October MB meeting.
* Action: MB members noted several topics missing from the goal statements including: toxic contaminants, improving stream health so that 70 percent of streams rate fair, good or excellent (as measured by the Index of Biotic Integrity, by 2025), emerging contaminants, Conowingo Dam, climate change and sea level rise, and others. GIT Goals will be revised by GIT coordinators/staffers to reflect MB discussion and suggestions and the revised goals will be provided to the MB for further consideration at the October MB meeting.

**Harris Creek Case Study:  Oyster Restoration and GIT Collaboration**

* Action: A list of GIT commitments suggested during the August Harris Creek presentation will be provided to GIT Chairs for further analysis and consideration during their September 20 meeting.
* Action: CBP staff will set up a conference line for anyone interested in listening in on the GIT Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2012.

**Mid-Point Assessment**

* Action – MB members are asked to provide comments through their WQGIT representative on the Guiding Principles for the Mid-point Assessment by Thursday, September 27.

**Chesapeake Forest Restoration Strategy**

* Action: The MB recommends the Chesapeake Forest Restoration Strategy to the PSC for adoption/endorsement.

**Proposed BMP Verification Membership and Charge**

* Decision: The MB approved for membership the 13 nominees for the BMP Verification Review Panel (with one expression of concern by Virginia) as recommended by the BMP Verification Committee.
* Decision: The MB approved the revised BMP Verification Program schedule as presented.
* Action: The MB requested that a flow chart be developed to help clarify the decision roles of the BMP Verification Committee, the BMP Verification Review Panel, the MB and the Principals' Staff Committee as outlined within the approved revised schedule.

 Decision: The MB approved the BMP Verification Review Panel’s Charge and Operations as recommended by the BMP Verification Committee.

**STAC Reports on SAV and Climate Change**

* Action: The SAV workgroup will revise the SAV Goal by the December MB meeting; it will then be submitted to the PSC for approval at its February meeting.
* (STAC Chair, Chris Pyke, indicated no response to the Climate Change report is needed from the MB at this time.)

**Draft Public Access Plan**

* Action: After comments are incorporated into the Draft Public Access Plan, the MB at its October meeting will consider recommending the final Plan to the PSC for adoption/endorsement.
* Action: MB requested that the GIT Chairs, at their September meeting, discuss and make a recommendation about the role of the MB and PSC in adopting or endorsing policy documents developed by the GITs and/or federal agencies pursuant to Executive Order 13508 Strategy.

**CAC Recommendations for PSC Approval**

* Action: CBP staff will work with CAC to revise its current table of recommendations to the Executive Council (EC) to reflect new and ongoing activities by the CBP (to eliminate redundancies in requested actions). To help narrow the number of recommendations for PSC consideration, the revised table will identify both the “status” of its recommendations and any “action required.”

**Improvements to MB**

* Action: As part of the transition to paperless meetings, the MB agreed to significantly limit the number of copies of meeting materials available during its meetings. Members are asked to refer to electronic materials or to bring their own hard copies. CBP staff will continue to provide copies of the final agenda and any materials not posted on line at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.