**Chesapeake Bay Program Management Board**

**Meeting Actions and Decisions**

**May 9, 2012**

**GIT Decision Framework Implementation Updates**

* Action: The Decision Framework Implementation Workgroup agreed to present at the next meeting an example of how a Goal Implementation Team is implementing the CBP Decision framework and will include a discussion about cross- GIT collaboration opportunities.
* Action: For the next MB meeting, GITs will share the list of the “26 goals, outcomes, and guiding statements” to provide the MB with a flavor of the GITs’ work and to help frame a discussion about overall CBP priorities now that Stage 2 of the realignment process has started.

**STAC Social Sciences Report/Update**

* Action: The MB agreed to form a short-term interdisciplinary Action Team—with further refined “purpose and goals” to reflect the May 9 discussion—to help the CBP understand social science needs, what social scientists can provide the program (including identifying research needs, assistance in communications, etc.), and if determined if a more permanent function is necessary in the CBP. If the action team determines a permanent function is necessary, it will help the MB design and deliver a more permanent workgroup or team and/or help develop expertise within the GITs if desired.
* Management Board members are asked to identify social scientists who would be interested in participating on the Action Team. Recommendations may be emailed to Lucinda Power, power.lucinda@epa.gov, by June 15.
* Action: The MB agreed to invite the new action team members/candidates to sit in on next MB meeting to listen and get a flavor of CBP needs for social science expertise/help. GIT coordinators and chairs are asked to help identify challenges where social science expertise would be helpful.

**Proposed BMP Verification Framework Development Process**

* Decision – The MB agreed to give consideration and address as necessary any forthcoming issues related to the BMP verification framework development process.
* Action – The MB agreed to move forward with the revised schedule presented to the MB.

**Progress on Reducing Nutrient and Sediment Pollution**

* Action – The MB agreed to send forward to the Principals’ Staff Committee the proposed briefing package for the Chesapeake Executive Council including a Backgrounder, 2009-11 Milestone factsheets, Reducing Pollution Indicators Summary, and 2012-13 Milestone fact sheets.

**Assessing Progress Toward Chesapeake Restoration Using Expanded Nontidal Monitoring Data and Improved Tidal Monitoring Analysis to Achieve Water Quality Standards**

* Action – The MB agreed to use a three-part integrated approach to assessing progress toward water quality standards including data showing: progress in bmp implementation (from item above); nutrient and sediment trends; and attainment of water quality standards.

**Accounting for Progress in Wastewater Load Reductions; Supplemental Indicator**

* Action – The MB agreed to use a supplemental indicator for assessing progress in wastewater load reductions using both the number of and percentage of significant wastewater facilities meeting Bay TMDL wasteload allocations. (This represents a combination of options 1 and 2 presented to the MB on May 9. The MB further agreed to revisit this supplemental indicator if it causes public confusion).