Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Issue Resolution Committee Issues for Consideration

Issue	Status	Final Recommendation to MB/PSC
Water Quality		
CBC Proposal: Add data management under the 2017 WIP Outcome. Improve practice data collection, verification and transparency by 2015 for the most commonly applied agricultural and urban best management practices in order to provide necessary reasonable assurance of practice implementation and strengthen accuracy and public confidence in reported pollution reductions Direction from the MB: The IRC will		
determine if and how to include data management in the Agreement. MB suggests adding this issue to the operational commitments section rather than under the 2017 WIP Outcome.		
Toxic Contaminants ■ Toxics Ad Hoc Workgroup Proposal: add two outcomes: ○ (a) Identify and implement practices to reduce loadings of persistent bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) contaminants and non-(PBT) contaminants that have an effect on the ecosystem resources and human health. ○ (b) Improve knowledge of the effects of contaminants of emerging concern on the health of fish and wildlife so future strategies can be considered.		
Direction from the MB: PA (agreed with suggested research outcome, but not to BMP reporting), WV, VA voiced objections. Federal agencies, CAC, CBC, MD, DC support monitoring/research outcome approved at MB. o The MB directed the Ad hoc Toxics Workgroup to respond to jurisdictions		

concerns about the loadings outcome and to develop an alternative proposal for IRC consideration.	
Sound Land Use	
Maryland Proposal: Add a new goal for sound land use. No specific language was provided for consideration. Maryland is concerned that a lack of a land use goal would be perceived as backing away from a significant commitment in Chesapeake 2000 and that without sound land use practices the CBP cannot meet its other goals.	
LGAC does not support a separate goal for land use but does agree it should be addressed in the Agreement. If addressed, it should reflect that land use planning is a local responsibility. VA, PA, WV and NY do not support this goal; CBC suggested that if it cannot go forward as a goal, it should be included as a separate outcome under goals that are impacted by land use decisions (habitat, water quality, healthy watersheds).	
Direction from the MB: The MB agreed that land use planning should not be added as a goal; however, Maryland proposed including land use outcomes under multiple relevant goals or at least reflected in other parts of the Agreement. The MB directed the IRC to further consider this issue in consultation with GIT Chairs and the Advisory Committees.	
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