



## Modeling Lab Action Team Meeting

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 1PM – 3PM

<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/21531/>

### AGENDA

Discussion of the Management Board's comments and revisions to the MLAT Report.

### MINUTES

#### *Management Board Comments and Discussion:*

1. Clearly state that the Modeling Laboratory will also cover topics other than water quality.
  - MLAT intended this all along and will make it clearer in the report.
2. Including a table showing all of the options for a lab, MLAT's recommendation concerning the option, and the associated costs with the option. This would include showing a bricks and mortar lab as an option, even though we ruled it out as the recommendation fairly early because of the cost.
  - The Management Board needs to have all of the options presented to them and they will take MLAT's recommendation into consideration, but MLAT is ultimately not making the decision.
  - MLAT should not sell short the other options, such as bricks and mortar laboratory. If somehow the funding for a physical laboratory came into place, we would want the Management Board to be aware of that option.
3. Revise significantly or eliminate the section entitled, "Process for Establishing Chesapeake Bay Modeling Laboratory". The thinking was that we got into too much detail in this section even before the decision was even made whether to fund a lab.
  - MLAT members believe that this section helps put the recommendations into context.
  - Management Board suggested either significantly revising this section or putting this section into another report and NOT including it as an appendix or leaving it how it is.
  - Include the overall framework, but take out the detail and change the wording.
4. Make it clearer where the lab would fit into the overall Bay Program structure with a schematic.

- The MLAT recommendation: The Modeling Laboratory report to the “Modeling Board” which is under STAR. STAR and the Modeling Board will report to the Management Board as necessary. The “Modeling Board” is not autonomous. The Management Board will have the final decision on what the Modeling Laboratory would work on. STAR is a technical workgroup and a good place for the “Modeling Board” to receive technical input on modeling issues. These checks and balancing are natural and must be in place.
- The “Modeling Board” should be a balanced representation of the jurisdictions, federal agencies, and academia. The Modeling WG (probably with input from MLAT) would make a membership recommendation to STAR and STAR would bring it to the Management Board for a final decision.
- The current members of the Modeling WG are not in the position to vote on any modeling issues without authorization/approval from their chain of command. The MLAT wanted to enhance the decision making authority of the Modeling Board members, so that they wouldn’t be micromanaged. The Modeling Board would still report to STAR and the Management Board for large decisions and updates.

***Overall Discussion:***

The MLAT Report is still open for revision by MLAT Members.

In general, the Management Board’s comment the MLAT Report Lay out all of the options, include a recommendation, and let them make the decision.

ACTION: Mark Bennett will be revising the MLAT Report based on the Management Board comments and the MLAT member discussion.

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